



TOWN REPORT 1959

NORTHFIELD MASSACHUSETTS



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Northfield's First Railroad Bridge

Railroad building was active in Northfield, Mass., in 1847 and 1848. The great task was the building of the bridge across the Con-

The Legislature of 1848 authorized the Vermont and Mass. Railroad to receive the franchise for the Northfield Bridge which was to be a combination Toll Highway Bridge and railway crossing.

Granite for it's piers was quarried in the Northfield mountains and the bridge was completed in 1849.

There were four spans 166 ft. each. The original Howe trusses from piers carried on their shoulders the lumber to support the railroad and the highway suspended by great iron rods and were reinforced by huge arches of heavy planks bolted together to at least 5 feet thickness.

The bridge was dimly lighted in the day by a few small windows and at night by three kerosene lamps.

On the west end of the bridge were high wooden gates closed until 9 P.M., after that passage was free.

The bridge was freed from toll collections July 7, 1899 and a new bridge built 1904-1905.

The distance from shore to shore at face of masonry was 750 feet; entire length 810 feet and height from base of rails to river 72 feet.

The toll rate for teams was ten cents and rate for people two cents.

The lower deck which carried the toll paying highway traffic under the Railroad tracks was the only highway river crossing in the township. Many horses were frightened when on the bridge if a train passed overhead with steam, dust and smoke rolling down as well as by the roar in the covered wooden structure. One of these episodes with a frightened team led to Mr. Schell's decision to build and give the town of Northfield a separate steel bridge still known as Schell Bridge. This was built in 1904-1905.

The road running down to this bridge was known as Pentecost or Bridge Road and when the highway was changed to cross Schell Bridge this road was abandoned. Originally a creamery was located near this bridge, now the house of Marvin W. Holloway.

Picture from a photo owned by Francis Reed.



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Town Officers

Moderator

Edgar J. Livingston

Town Clerk

Horace F. Field

Town Treasurer

Charles F. Slate

Selectmen

Robert P. Barnes, Chmn.	Term expires March 1960
Corys M. Heselton	Term expires March 1961
Stanley Wickey	Term expires March 1962

Assessors

Lee H. Sheldon	Term expires March 1961
Winthrop E. Spencer	Term expires March 1960
Clifford A. Field, Chmn.	Term expires March 1962

Tax Collector

Roy J. Fish	Term expires March 1960
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School Committee

Roy J. Fish, Chmn.	Term expires March 1960
Evelyn U. True	Term expires March 1961
Alvin H. Scott	Term expires March 1962

Library Trustees

Lillian G. Wells	Term expires March 1960
Donald Q. McCollester	Appt. expires March 1960
Jean P. Hatheway	Term expires March 1961
William H. Hawley	Term expires March 1961
Louise M. Reeves	Term expires March 1962
Luman A. Barber	Term expires March 1962

Cemetery Commissioners

Murray M. Hammond	Term expires March 1960
Owen Stacey	Term expires March 1961
Horace F. Field	Term expires March 1962

Tree Warden

Joseph Bilmon	Term expires March 1960
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Constable

Paul E. Chamberlin	Term expires March 1960
Joseph G. Morgan	Term expires March 1960
Niles E. Stone	Term expires March 1960
Murray M. Hammond—Farms Resident	Term expires March 1960

Planning Board

Harvey H. Hatheway	Term expires March 1960
A. Gordon Moody	Term expires March 1961
F. Wilton Dean	Term expires March 1962
Agnes Hammond	Term expires March 1963
L. Percy Goodspeed	Term expires March 1964

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee

Robert P. Barnes	Term expires March 1960
William H. Hawley	Term expires March 1961
Roy J. Fish	Term expires March 1962

Accountant

Helen M. Stearns	Term expires July 1961
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Chief of Fire Department

Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.	Term expires 1960
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Forest Fire Warden

Howard E. Williams	Term expires 1960
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Deputy Fire Wardens for 1959

Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.	Philip Mann, Jr.
Harold D. Williams	Roger Holton

Superintendent of Roads

Charles R. White	Term expires April 1960
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Gypsy Moth Agent

Joseph S. Bilmon	Term expires 1960
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Public Weighers for 1959

F. Myron Dunnell	Fred B. Kelley
George O. Dunnell	Frank F. Kelley
Floyd M. Dunnell, Jr.	Clarence Spaulding
Leon H. Dunnell	Roy A. Barrows
Roland Merritt	Rubert L. Huber
Edward Burniske	James O'Sullivan

Inspector of Meat and Slaughtering for 1959

Leonard W. Barnes

Sealer of Weights and Measures for 1959

Warren A. Randall

Animal Inspector

Gilbert S. Hammond

Term expires April 1960

Fence Viewers for 1959

Eugene F. Hammond

Carlton W. Holton

Laurence M. Hammond

Surveyors of Wood and Timber for 1959

James E. Dresser

Fred I. Bolton

Field Drivers for 1959

Leonard C. Streeter

Robert L. Gibson

Eugene F. Hammond

Dog Officer for 1959

Robert L. Gibson

Pound Keeper for 1959

Leonard C. Streeter

Registrars of Voters

Edward F. Hurley

Term expires 1960

Charles D. Streeter

Term expires 1961

Laurence M. Hammond, Chmn.

Term expires 1962

Horace F. Field, Clerk

Finance Committee

Harry A. Erickson

Term expires March 1960

Herbert H. Maynard

Term expires March 1961

Donald T. Snow

Term expires March 1961

Wallace E. Stange, Chmn.

Term expires March 1961

Albert W. Stompe

Term expires March 1962

Willis K. Parker

Term expires March 1962

Forest Warden for 1959

Joseph S. Bilmon

Election Officers for 1959

James R. Dale

Helen M. Stearns

Helen Greene

Harrison Stacy

Flora C. Abbey

Murray M. Hammond

Edna Bistrek

Edward M. Powell, Jr.

Substitute Election Officers for 1959

Minnie Skinner

Genevieve A. Eastman

Mary L. Holton

Dorothy M. Arsenault

Selectmen's Report

The Selectmen submit the following report for the year 1959.

Under Chapter 90, construction and maintenance work which had been previously started at intersection of Bennett Brook Road and Mount Hermon Station Road was completed and sealed. Another stretch of the Gulf Road was sealed which had been constructed in 1958 and improved new construction was extended on this road.

Schell Bridge was painted and resurfaced and approaches improved and completed. However, the new surface on the Bridge is not entirely satisfactory and will require more work during the summer of 1960.

Wooden trim of the Fire Station was painted and gutters repaired. The Highway Dept. yard at the back of the building was graded and will be sealed as planned. Inside painting of the Town Hall was completed.

Requests to the State have been made for engineer's plans on relocation of the fountain on north side of Town Hall.

The Selectmen wish to express appreciation to citizens who have offered helpful suggestions and notified them of conditions needing attention.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT P. BARNES, Chairman

CORYS M. HESELTON

STANLEY T. WICKEY

Town Clerk's Report

It is extremely important the Vital Statistics record be complete and correct. If any errors or omissions are discovered the Clerk will deem it a favor to have them reported at once so that corrections may be made.

As required by Chapter 46, Section 15, General Laws of Massachusetts:

Notice is hereby given that the Town Clerk will furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and registered hospital officers applying for the same.

Births Recorded in 1959

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Parents</i>
<i>January 1959</i>		
26—	Whitney, Sandra Lee	Warren E. and Phyllis A.
26—	Whitney, Susan Kay	Warren E. and Phyllis A.
30—	Browning, Rebecca May	Homer F. and Ethel R.
<i>March</i>		
15—	Lang, April Fay	Charles O. and Jean B.
16—	Lawrence, Peter David	Ernest H. and Jean E.
22—	Gorzocoski, Paul Thomas, Jr.	Paul T. and Eileen U.
<i>April</i>		
'2—	Morgan, Harvey Lee	James H. and Dorothy L.
5—	Gorzocoski, David Stanley	Stanley P. and Helen E.
7—	Stultz, James Franklin, Jr.	James F. and Rosemary I.
<i>May</i>		
6—	Shearer, James Richard	Robert B. and Margaret A.
6—	Doe, Paul Clark	Allen P. and Nancy A.
7—	Holloway, Michael James	Norman W. and Leslie A.
9—	Shippa, David Earl	Robert E. and Sadie C.
18—	Fortier, Jo Ann	Edward L. and Alice E.
<i>June</i>		
12—	Taylor, Christopher Allen	Maurice W. and Elisabeth V.
<i>July</i>		
5—	Porter, Kenneth Scott	Norman A. and Myrna M.
<i>August</i>		
7—	Sanderson, Mark Whitney	Winthrop W. and Alice S.
7—	Burnor, Robert Alan	Raymond F. and Patricia E.
12—	Bassett, Cynthia Gail	Roger E. and Donna L.
13—	Boutwell, Steven Joel	Willard R. and Marrienne E.
21—	Wallace, Karen Louise	Linwood R. and Mary L.

31—Billings, Douglas Roger

31—Deyo, Linda Marie

September

3—King, Theodore Roberts, Jr.

21—Schryba, Michelle

25—Kelley, John Burton

28—Whitney, Laurie Gay

October

8—Gillispie, Maud Waterbury

23—Turner, Sandra Jean

24—Arsenault, Darlene May

November

3—Gray, Richard Fairfield, Jr.

11—Johnson, Douglas Harrison

14—James, Susan Parker

16—Andrew, Dawn Marie

18—Montague, Paul Stuart

30—Mesic, Brenda Mae

25—Hicks, Amy Ruth

December

17—Holloway, Steven Hubert

26—Winship, Carolyn Jean

Wayne R. and Gloria M.

Willie R. and Marcia V.

Theodore R. and Mary E.

Stephen and Mary E.

Frank S. and Dorothy E.

Lawrence D. and Mildred F.

James P. and Catherine M.

Frank S. and Jessie A.

Edward E. and Meredith J.

Richard F. and Dorothy E.

Charles H. and Dorena M.

Arthur E. and Ann E.

William G. and Barbara J.

Alfred D. and Claire L.

Robert S. and Lorraine I.

Gerald C. and Evelyn H.

Marvin W. and Arline F.

Ronald W. and Joan A.

Marriage Recorded in 1959

Date	Name	Residence	Place of Marriage
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February

✓ 14—Fisher, Arthur Otis, Jr.
Eddy, Constance Elizabeth

Northfield, Mass.
Erving, Mass.

Turners Falls,

✓ 15—Jack, Peter Rhoderick
Clark, Muriel Isabel

Northfield, Mass.
Fairview, Mass.

Chicopee

✓ 27—Walker, Sidney Clesson
Frost, Sheila May

Northfield, Mass.
Vernon, Vermont

S. Vernon, Vt.

March

✓ 15—Carstens, David Christian
Given, Frances Ellen

Ann Arbor, Mich.
Northfield, Mass.

E. Northfield

✓ 14—Monroe, Alson Harold
Smith, Helen Ada

Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass.

Vernon, Vt.

✓ 28—Avery, Fred Anderson
Fuller, Delores Rosalie

Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass.

Northfield

April

✓ 11—Whitney, Lawrence D.
Bush, Mildred F.

Northfield, Mass.
Northfield, Mass.

Dummerston, Vt.

✓ 25—Williams, Herman Emory Jr.
Wheeler, Patricia

Leverett, Mass.
Montague, Mass.

Northfield

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<i>May</i>		
✓ 8—	Brooks, Floyd H. Seymour, Betty Ann	Bernardston, Mass. Bernardston, Mass. Northfield
<i>June</i>		
✓ 10—	Armstrong, John Cordes Jr. Judd, Frances Alice	N. Bennington, Vt. Winchester, N. H. Northfield
✓ 18—	Compton, Allan Richard Morris, Dorothy Jean	New York City, N.Y. New York City, N.Y. Northfield
✓ 20—	Martin, David Russell Housman, Jeanette Rose	Northfield, Mass. Turners Falls, Mass. Turners Falls
✓ 20—	Bates, James Watt Cushman, Helen Leeds	Lakeville, Conn. Northfield, Mass. Northfield
✓ 26—	Gray, Richard Fairfield Mann, Dorothy Elizabeth	Bernardston, Mass. Northfield, Mass. Gill, Mass.
✓ 28—	Bond, Robert T. Russell, Evelyn I.	Miami, Florida Northfield, Mass. Vernon, Vt.
<i>August</i>		
✓ 8—	Sutcliff, Richard Watson Jr. Sherow, June	Fort Edwards, N.Y. South Glens Falls, N. Y. Northfield
✓ 20—	Arnold, Farland Dixwell Tower, Mariatta	Caldwell, N. J. Caldwell, N. J. E. Northfield
✓ 22—	Mace, William Melvin Jr. Dean, Janet Marion	Indianapolis, Ind. Northfield, Mass. Northfield
✓ 23—	Young, Richard Gan Hann, Lillian Mary	Hutchinson, Kansas Troy, New York Northfield
<i>September</i>		
✓ 26—	Dallmeyer, Robert Frederick Dumbreck, Beverly Ann	Pittsfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass. Greenfield
<i>October</i>		
✓ 11—	Jacobs, Donald Robert Derrig, Barbara Jean (Taylor)	Greenfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass. Greenfield
✓ 18—	Raymond, Roger Myron Royce, Wendy Lee	Bernardston, Mass. Winchester, N. H. Northfield
<i>November</i>		
✓ 21—	Eosefow, Michael Kubow Chedister, Margaret Helen	Roslyn, N. Y. Roslyn, N. Y. Northfield
✓ 22—	Cutter, Alvin C. Phillips, Sally B. (Butler)	Bernardston, Mass. Bernardston, Mass. Northfield
✓ 28—	Clough, Wilfred Delmar Lewis, Alfreda Evelyn (Chaisson)	Northfield, Mass. Northfield, Mass. Orange

December

✓ 4—Griswold, Ronald Erwin	Northfield, Mass.	Brattleboro, Vt.
Grover, Norma Helen	Bernardston, Mass.	
9 5—Hansen, Ronald M.	Winchendon, Mass.	Northfield
Doddy, Lorna E. (Joslin)	Winchendon, Mass.	

Deaths Recorded in 1959

<i>Date</i>	<i>Name</i>	<i>Age-Years</i>	<i>Months</i>	<i>Days</i>
<i>January 1959</i>				
18—	Carey, Orrin Amos	51	11	2
20—	Bistrek, Josephine Mankowsky	83	9	5
30—	Lapan, Thomas	97	8	22
<i>February</i>				
7—	Harden, Mabel Inez	76	4	1
21—	Bazine, Ellen Abigail	93	11	
<i>March</i>				
10—	Newton, Fanny Morse	91	7	8
28—	Handy, Helen Gladys	64	2	4
<i>April</i>				
20—	Lee, John P.	82	4	25
21—	Kazanowski, Anna (Bobola)	71	3	11
29—	Turner, Louise	51		
30—	Bailey, Walter Russell	66	9	4
<i>May</i>				
4—	Burrows, William Benjamin	87	6	10
12—	Trowbridge, Miriam	84	6	4
15—	Streeter, Florence Newton	81	7	4
19—	Kelley, Fred Barnard	70	4	29
23—	Neal, Lula Maccarthy	82	1	23
<i>June</i>				
10—	Nelson, Gertrude Fannie Martin	84	10	13
17—	Morse, Horace Henry	80	8	23
<i>July</i>				
15—	Callaghan, Katherine Elizabeth	83	7	5
19—	Hammond, Kate Stearns	96	10	24
<i>September</i>				
8—	Tyler, Ella Preston	85	8	13
14—	Halloway, George W.	87	7	18
21—	Schryba, Infant			
30—	Dunnell, George Oscar	90	6	25
<i>November</i>				
7—	Daly, Frank	81	6	16
23—	Gare, Elize Saywood	81	1	21

December

6—Starkey, Lewis Howard	55	4	9
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Dogs Licensed in 1959

Male Dogs	121
Female	13
Female (Spayed)	85
Special Kennel, (\$10)	5
Special Kennel (\$25.00)	2
	226

Sporting Licenses Issued in 1959

Resident Fishing	86
Resident Hunting	118
Resident Sporting	91
Resident Minor Fishing	41
Resident Women's Fishing	35
Special Non-Resident Fishing	14
Non-Resident Fishing	27
Non-Resident Minor Fishing	1
Resident Alien Fishing	0
Resident Trapping (Minor)	1
Resident Trapping	0
Non-Resident Hunting	12
Non-Resident Sporting	3
Resident Sporting (Free)	31
Duplicate	4
Old Age Fishing	1
	464

Other Licenses and Permits Issued in 1959

Alcohol (Methyl)	2
Auctioneer	1
Auctioneer (Temporary)	0
Common Victualer	6
Gasoline	14
Innkeeper	2
Junk	1
Milk	6
Oleomargarine	2
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ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 2, 1959

Copy of the votes taken at the Annual Election held in Northfield, Mass., March 2, 1959

The inhabitants of the Town of Northfield came to the Town Hall in answer to the call of the warrant. The meeting was called to order and the warrant for the election was read by the Town Clerk. The election officers serving were as follows: James R. Dale, Helen M. Stearns, Edward M. Powell, Jr., Flora C. Abbey, Genevieve A. Eastman, Minnie Skinner, Helen Greene, and Harrison Stacy.

The polls were opened at ten o'clock and were closed at eight o'clock P.M., and it was determined that 192 votes had been cast, 86 by women and 106 by men.

The results were as follows:

Town Clerk, 1 year		
Horace F. Field	One Hundred eighty-nine	189
Blanks	Three	3
Town Treasurer, 1 year		
Charles F. Slate	One Hundred eighty five	185
Blanks	Seven	7
Selectman, 3 years		
Stanley Wickey	One Hundred seventy	170
Blanks	Twenty-two	22
Moderator, 1 year		
Edgar J. Livingston	One Hundred seventy-two	172
Blanks	Twenty	20
Assessor, 3 years		
Clifford A. Field	One Hundred seventy-four	174
Blanks	Eighteen	18
Tax Collector, 1 year		
Roy J. Fish	One Hundred seventy-one	171
Blanks	Twenty-one	21
School Committee, 3 years		
Alvin H. Scott	One Hundred eighty	180
Blanks	Twelve	12
Library Trustees, 3 years		
Louise M. Reeves	One Hundred sixty-two	162
Luman A. Barber	One Hundred seventy-four	174
Blanks	Forty-eight	48

Cemetery Commissioner, 3 years		
Horace F. Field	One Hundred eighty-nine	189
Blanks	Three	3
Tree Warden, 1 year		
Joseph Bilmon	One Hundred eighty-two	182
Blanks	Ten	10
Constables at Large, 1 year		
Paul E. Chamberlin	One Hundred eighty-two	182
Joseph G. Morgan	One Hundred eight-two	182
Niles E. Stone	One Hundred eighty	180
Blanks	Thirty-two	32
Constable, 1 year		
Resident Northfield Farms		
Murray M. Hammond	One Hundred seventy-six	176
Blanks	Sixteen	16
Planning Board, 5 years		
L. Percy Goodspeed	On Hundred sixty-four	164
Blanks	Twenty-eight	28

After the announcement of the results, the meeting was closed to be reopened on Tuesday, March 3, 1959 at 7 o'clock in accordance with the Warrant.

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

Copy of the votes taken March 3, 1959 on the articles in the Warrant
for the

ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

March 3, 1959

About one hundred fifty inhabitants assembled in accordance with the Warrant as posted, to conduct the business of the Annual Town Meeting. The Moderator, Mr. Edgar J. Livingston, called the meeting to order at 7:00 in the evening of March 3rd. The invocation was given by Rev. Joseph Reeves, and the Moderator directed that the reading of the Warrant be waived, subject to objection. There was no objection. Mr. James R. Dale, and Mrs. Helen M. Stearns were appointed to serve as tellers.

The consideration of the articles in the warrant resulted as follows:

Article 1. As it was stated by the Moderator that no action need be taken on the reports as printed in the Town Report, no action was taken under this article.

Article 2. Voted: To authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws; any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959.

Article 3. Voted: To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 4. Voted: on amended motion to receive the report of the finance committee with regard to their recommendations for changes in salaries of Town offices.

Article 5. Voted: To fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, as follows:

Selectmen and Welfare Boards:	Moderator	\$25	
Chairman	\$375 \$75	Treasurer	950
Other Members	325 75	Tax Collector	1000
Assessors		Town Clerk	550
Each Member	300	P.V.R.S. Committee	
School Committee		Each Member	100
Each Member	100		

Article 6. Voted: To raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town Charges:

Moderator Salary	\$25	Sealer of W. & M. Sal.	
Expense	15	Expense	\$200
Selectmen & Welfare Board		Tree Warden Acct.	800
Salary	1,250	Dog Officer & Exp.	175
Expense	350	Public Health	1,300
Town Accountant Salary	1,000	Nurse & Substitute	2,800
Expense	75	Expense	75
Legal Expense	250	Car Expense	300
Treasurer Salary	950	Inspection of Animals	200
Expense	400	Insp. Meat & Slaughter	50
Assessors Salary	900	Mach. Maint. Acct. (Transfer	
Expense	300	from Road Mach. Fund	5,000
Finance Committee Expense	25	Hwy. Supt. Expense	125
Town Clerk Salary	550	Tools for Hwy. Work	100
Expense	100	Snow Removal	9,000

Elections & Registrations	900	Hwy. Bounds, Surveys &	
Planning Board Expense	50	Plans	250
Town Hall Maintenance	5,300	Public Welfare Adm.	3,000
Constable pay, Exp. & Equip.	750	General Relief	4,000
Fire Dept. Salaries	250	Old Age Assistance	39,000
Water Holes	200	Aid to Dep. Children	4,000
Public Safety	50	Disability Assistance	2,500
Wire Inspector	50	Soldier's Relief	2,500
School Committee Salary	300	Foreclosure Cost Tax Titles	300
P.V.R.S. Com. Salary	300	Pro. Tax Title Property	25
Elementary Schools	97,000	Memorial Day Celebration	275
P.V.R.S.D. Capital		Fence Viewers	25
Budget	30,745.06	Field Drivers	25
P.V.R.S.D. Oper.		Fire Station Bonds:	
Budget	83,807.98	Maturing Debt	3,000
Alexander Hall	250	Interest	1,116
Fire & Casualty Ins.	6,135	Tax Collector's Salary	1,000
Interest	300	Expense	500
Damages	300		
Town Clock & Fountain	125		
Town Reports	989.89		

Article 7. Voted: On a show of hands yes 59, no 39 that the Town Treasurer be authorized and directed to purchase a check writer for the Treasurer's department and in part payment thereof transfer a Burroughs Check Writer number B339P1226R now owned by the town and used by the treasurer's office and for the purpose of paying the balance the town raise by taxation and appropriate the sum of \$208.50 said sum to be spent under the direction of the Town Treasurer.

Article 8. Voted: That the Town authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the Board, and that the salary be \$700.00 in accordance with Section 4a, Chapter 41, General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

Article 9. Voted: That the town raise and appropriate \$1,185.00 for the Fire Department to use to purchase hose and other miscellaneous equipment.

Article 10. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 to pay Howard Williams salary as Forest Warden for the year 1957.

Article 11. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,900.00 for the maintenance of the Fire Station and Town Garage.

Article 12. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,200.00 to be used to combat Dutch Elm Disease.

Article 13. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000.00 for insect pest control and other public nuisances.

Article 14. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden to start a Tree Nursery on School Street in the rear of the Fire Station and to purchase lining out stock and materials as required for the same, to provide shade tree replacements as needed to replace those lost by disease and other causes.

Article 15. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate \$365.00 for Civil Defense Purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee.

Article 16. Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,950.00 to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highway repairs and improvements, and the sum of \$18,150.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon its receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 17. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and in addition that the sum of \$12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 18. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to meet the Town's share of Chapter 90 Highway maintenance, and in addition the sum of \$3,000.00 to be transferred from unappropriated, available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State and County to be restored upon its receipt to unappropriated, available funds in the Treasury.

Article 19. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$3,500.00 for bridges, railings and highway work.

Article 20. Voted: That the sum of \$1,000.00 be raised by taxation and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a sidewalk on

Main St., from George Pefferle's approximately 700 ft. south, and said amount to be spent under the direction of the Selectmen.

Article 21. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,586.00 for lighting the streets.

Article 22. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms.

Article 23. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the dog tax.

Article 24. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$400.00 for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee.

Article 25. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to finance a summer playground program for the children of Northfield and authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of three to make provision for the same.

Article 25. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision of the Selectmen.

Article 27. Voted: That all prior action of the Town, taken at any prior Annual or Special Meeting in relation to the sale or disposition of the West Northfield School, be rescinded hereby, and that the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to sell for the sum of \$1.00 all right, title and interest of the Town to the Northfield Post No. 9874 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town instrument of transfer.

Article 28. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$50.00 for necessary repairs to discontinued School Buildings.

Article 29. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate a sum of \$2,200.00 for the care and preservation of cemeteries.

Article 30. Voted: That the Town transfer a sum of \$200.00 from the Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund to purchase additional land. 26 acres more or less described as follows: Beginning at a point in the easterly side of Gill Road so-called said point being the southwest corner of the Mount Hermon Cemetery; thence southerly along land of Louis F. and Elsie L. Davis 93.70 feet to a corner; thence westerly along land conveyed by David Stevens to Richard Bassett in 1958 135.78 feet to the easterly line of the Gill Road; thence northerly in the easterly line of the Gill Road 80.59 feet to the place of beginning

situated south of the Mount Hermon Cemetery, to be used for cemetery purposes.

At this point a motion made by Mr. F. Sumner Turner that a rising vote of thanks be given to Mr. Irving J. Lawrence for his many years of faithful service to the town and that the Town Clerk be directed to send him a letter signifying our appreciation was unanimously carried.

A motion made seconded and carried that Articles 31, 32 and 33 be taken up as the last articles.

Article 34. Voted: That the town transfer the balance from the appropriation for the purchase of the 4-Wheel drive truck. (Article 1, Special Town Meeting Nov. 24, 1958) to Machinery Maintenance. (\$383.00).

Article 35. Voted: That the Town authorize the Selectmen to investigate the possibility and advisability of moving the Belcher Memorial Fountain to reduce the hazardous traffic condition at the intersection of Warwick and Parker Avenues and Main Street.

Article 36. Voted and passed over.

Article 37. Voted: and passed over on condition that a similar article be brought up at a special town meeting or the next annual town meeting.

Article 38. That the Town do not raise and appropriate the sum of \$60.00 to pay a bill for an estimate of necessary repairs to the Town Clock, submitted December 18, 1958 by Howard Clock Products, Inc. As a show of hands indicated a clear four-fifths majority the Moderator dispensed with an actual count.

Article 39. Voted: That the Town transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum of \$3,000.00 for a Reserve Fund for the current year.

Article 40. Voted: That the Town transfer a sum of \$25,000.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1959 Tax Rate.

Article 31. Voted: That the Town receive the report of the Committee appointed by the Moderator under Article 34 of the Annual Town Meeting of March 4, 1958 to study the advisability of purchasing the Northfield Water Company. (As printed on page 115 of the Town Report for 1958.)

Article 32. The following motion was lost on a vote by ballot. Total votes cast 139 a 2/3 vote (or 93 yes) necessary to carry. Vote

was 87 yes, 52 no. Moved that the town purchase the Northfield Water Company for the price of twenty-five thousand, the same to be under the direction of the Board of Selectmen and that the sum of \$25,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the purpose of purchasing the Northfield Water Company, and to meet said appropriation that the sum of \$892.76 be raised by taxation in the current year, that the sum of \$14,107.24 be appropriated by transfer from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund, and the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be authorized and directed to issue and sell as one issue from time to time as two or more separate issues serial bonds or notes of the Town aggregating \$10,000.00 in principal amount under authority of Section 7 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, and that all of the bonds or notes shall be issued and sold in accordance with the applicable provisions of said Chapter 44 of the General Laws as amended, but each issue of bonds or notes shall be a separate loan which shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date thereof, said appropriation to be spent under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 33. Voted: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for hydrant service of 16 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Company for fire protection.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 P.M.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

Copy of the votes taken at the Special Town Meeting

September 21, 1959

Approximately forty-five inhabitants of Northfield assembled at the Town Hall in accordance with the Warrant as posted, to conduct the business of the Special Town Meeting. The Moderator, Mr. Edgar J. Livingston, called the meeting to order at eight o'clock in the evening of September 21st. The Warrant was read by the Town Clerk.

Article 1. Voted that the Town authorize its board of selectmen to sell all right, title and interest of the Town in the following tracts of land for the sum of \$1,025.00.

Merriman or Savage Lot 40A. Great Hill Pasture Lot 100A. Field Lot 101 A. Merriman Lot 4 A.

Article 2. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Select-

men to sell all right title, and interest of the Town in Lot No. 48 R. R. for the sum of \$40.00.

Article 3. Voted that the Town authorize the Selectmen to sell all right title, and interest of the Town in the Nellie Wall Side Hill Lot approx. $7\frac{1}{2}$ acres for the best price the selectmen may obtain.

Article 4. Voted that the Town authorize the Board of Selectmen to move the Belcher Memorial Fountain from the intersection of Warwick Avenue and Main Street to a site on the North side of the Town Hall and that a sum of \$1,000 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the cost of the work. (23 affirmative, 19 negative.)

Article 5. Voted that the town transfer the sum of \$2,000.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to Machinery Maintenance.
The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 P.M.

Attest:

HORACE F. FIELD

Town Clerk

Jury List — 1960

Harold F. Bigelow
George J. Butinski
Ernest C. Howard
Wallace E. Stange
Roy J. Fish
Margaret Lipsil
Carolyn B. Parenteau
Mildred Hudson
Marjorie W. Prescott

Paul H. Carpenter
Genevieve Eastman
Charles Repeta
Dwight P. Stearns
Clarence K. Webber
Deane W. Williams
Kenneth Miller
Kenneth R. Hall
Leon H. Dunnell

Town Treasurer's Report

January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

Balance January 1, 1959		\$137,157.46
Receipts for year 1959		458,279.19
		\$595,436.65
Payments per Warrants	\$485,212.34	
Cash on hand December 31, 1959	4,143.21	
Franklin County Trust Company	104,821.10	
Crocker Institution for Savings	1,260.00	595,436.65

Franklin County Trust Company of Greenfield

Balance December 31, 1959 per Statement		126,410.12
Outstanding Checks December 31 per list	21,589.02	
Balance December 31, 1959 check book	104,821.10	126,410.12

Franklin County Retirement System

Balance January 1, 1959	245.97	
Amount collected from members in 1959	2,053.95	2,299.92
Payment to Franklin County Retirement Board in 1959	2,054.51	
Balance December 31, 1959 in treasury	245.41	2,299.92

Federal Withholding Tax Statements

Balance on hand January 1, 1959	1,330.94	
Withholding tax deducted in 1959	15,424.92	16,755.86
Paid to Collector of Internal Revenue 1959	15,308.02	
Balance December 31, 1959 in treasury	1,447.84	16,755.86

Mass. Withholding Tax Statement

Withholding tax deducted in 1959		1,359.75
Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts 1959	1,232.51	
Balance December 31, 1959 in treasury	127.24	1,359.75

Blue Cross and Blue Shield

Balance on hand January 1, 1959	156.80	
Deducted from members in 1959	1,892.93	2,049.73
Paid to Mass. Hospital Service in 1959	1,867.58	
Balance December 31, 1959 in treasury	182.15	2,049.73

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

Treasurer's Report of Trust Funds

Edward D. Priest and others — West Northfield Cemetery Funds

	Savings Deposits	Securities	Total
On hand January 1, 1959	3,370.00	4,000.00	7,370.00
On hand December 31, 1959	3,370.00	4,000.00	7,370.00
Receipts of Interest	129.08		

James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	2,000.00		2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1959	2,000.00		2,000.00
Receipts of Interest	50.30		

Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	500.00		500.00
On hand December 31, 1959	500.00		500.00
Receipts of Interest	12.28		

Belcher Center School Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	1,050.00		1,050.00
On hand December 31, 1959	1,050.00		1,050.00
Receipts of Interest	26.40		

Belcher Center Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1959	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest	50.05		

Belcher Library Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	9,439.01		9,439.01
On hand December 31, 1959	9,439.01		9,439.01
Receipts of Interest	179.05		

Belcher Library and School Fund

On hand January 1, 1959		500.00	500.00
On hand December 31, 1959		500.00	500.00
Receipts of Interest	13.80		

Lottie Evans Worthy Poor Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	994.54		994.54
On hand December 31, 1959	1,009.45		1,009.45
Receipts of Interest added to account	14.91		

George F. Morgan Charity Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	3,000.00		3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1959	3,000.00		3,000.00
Receipts of Interest	75.45		

Surplus Revenue School Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	1,600.00	1,600.00
On hand December 31, 1959	1,600.00	1,600.00
Receipts of Interest	24.00	

Charles P. Dickinson Library Book Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	3,000.00	3,000.00
On hand December 31, 1959	3,000.00	3,000.00
Receipts of Interest	75.45	

Mary H. Callender, Mt. Hermon Cemetery Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	500.00	500.00
On hand December 31, 1959	500.00	500.00
Receipts of Interest	12.58	

Post War Rehabilitation Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	4,357.24	10,000.00	14,357.24
Receipts of Interest on securities	250.00		
Receipts of Int. on Savings Deposits	117.04		

On hand December 31, 1959	4,724.28	10,000.00	14,724.28
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Roselle Evans Worthy Poor Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	500.00	500.00
On hand December 31, 1959	500.00	500.00
Receipts of Interest	12.58	

Maude Montague Library Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	2,000.00	2,000.00
On hand December 31, 1959	2,000.00	2,000.00
Receipts of Interest	50.00	

Town of Northfield — Real Estate Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	1,260.00	1,260.00
On hand December 31, 1959	1,260.00	1,260.00
Receipts of Interest	31.69	

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

LIST OF CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND

<i>South Mountain Cemetery</i>		Henry W. Montague	400.00
Alice J. Bigelow	\$100.00	Charles C. Morgan	100.00
<i>West Northfield Cemetery</i>		Samuel Pratt	25.00
Cecil Wilson	100.00	Larkin Fisher & Frank & Lucy Ross	50.00
Caroline B. Lane	150.00	Fred W. Ruggles	100.00
George W. Snow	200.00	Ashael Sawyer & Alner Sawyer	100.00
Henry M. Yerrington	100.00	Marcellus D. Stratton	100.00
Pennock Fund	100.00	Rufus Stratton & Oren Darling	150.00
Cora B. Preston & Pitts W. Preston	100.00	Elisha & Elihu Stratton	200.00
S. E. K. Priest	200.00	William H. Stratton	100.00
George F. Witt	100.00	Mary A. Stratton	100.00
Jane E. Evans	50.00	Samuel W. & William G. Slate	100.00
Warena P. Miller	200.00	Leroy Wetherhead	75.00
Mary E. Bunker	200.00	Oscar & Frank V. Wood	50.00
<i>Mount Hermon Cemetery</i>		Jennie L. Bascomb	150.00
Henry F. Cutler	100.00	Herbert Dutton	70.00
Lorimer Drury	100.00	<i>Center Cemetery</i>	
Horace F. Holton	100.00	Nelson & Nettie Spring	100.00
Alice V. Watson	150.00	Emma Holtworth	100.00
Anna Bell McMillan	100.00	John F. Rice	100.00
Charles T. Sibley	200.00	Carpenter Winchester	100.00
Lewis Hodus	200.00	Clinton A. Ware	150.00
Roy R. Hatch	100.00	George R. Stebbins	50.00
Joseph S. Castogue	100.00	Charles Stebbins	100.00
<i>Northfield Farms Cemetery</i>		Walter D. Crane	100.00
James Browning & Robert Washer	100.00	John E. Nye	100.00
Retta R. Barrett	100.00	Harvey J. Evans	50.00
Ada Chamberlain & Sarah Morgan	75.00	Augustus W. Holton	100.00
George M. Chamberlain	75.00	Thomas R. Callender	50.00
Eva J. S. Clough	200.00	Johnson Fund	123.06
M. Maria Foss	200.00	Mary L. Wright	125.00
Ernest C. Field	100.00	M. Bemis & Otis Field	50.00
Elisa Graves	51.69	Charles Blackmer	50.00
Brigham Gage & David Clowes	100.00	Alvin Long	50.00
Charles L. Gilbert	200.00	Isaac Cook & Wright Stratton	100.00
Nettie E. Gilbert	300.00	John L. Mattoon	100.00
Samuel A. Holton	200.00	Levi Fay	150.00
Inez E. Holton	50.00	Sarah E. Minot	150.00
Elvira A. Morgan	50.00	James Pickard	100.00
James & William Merriam	100.00	Augustus L. Day	100.00

Elijar Belding	125.00	J. I. Greenleaf	300.00
James White	100.00	M. Margaret Laird	100.00
Arad Webster & William Billings	500.00	Hezekiah & Elizabeth Stratton	80.00
Katherine Gaeng	100.00	Hezekiah & Mollie Stratton	80.00
Elijar E. Belding	100.00	Rufus & Asenath Stratton	80.00
A. M. D. Alexander	300.00	William H. Phelps	200.00
Charles Alexander & Richard Colton	200.00	Elizabeth M. Purple	200.00
Adelaide W. Moody	100.00	Sarah Jane Whithead	50.00
Louis M. Potts	200.00	Bessie Severance	100.00
Roselle Evans	50.00	Lewis Fowler	50.00
Amos Shepardson & Anna S. Preston	150.00	J. Wesley Mann	100.00
Bessie Moore	100.00	Andrew E. & Arthur H. Lyman	400.00
Elizabeth P. Kraft	100.00	Edward B. Stearns	50.00
Maximilla S. Hatchita	100.00	Benjamin Field & Charles Pomeroy	100.00
Albert S. Brigham	100.00	Charles Osgood	300.00
George E. Nye	200.00	Louis Frederick Bartlett	100.00
Dorothy P. Bruce	150.00	Sherman Nye Bartlett	100.00
Dr. Stratton White & George & William Hastings	301.50	Rose A. Holton	100.00
Jessamine W. Polhemus	100.00	C. D. Merriam & Cornelius Hillard	300.00
William R. Moody	100.00	Cora B. Preston & Asa Holton	100.00
Mrs. Norman MacGaffin	50.00	Frank Piper & William Piper	100.00
Clara B. Torrey	100.00		
Herbert E. Robbins	200.00		
S. E. Walker	200.00		

Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

On hand January 1, 1959	15,399.75	15,399.75
On hand December 31, 1959	15,434.75	15,434.75
Receipts of Interest	488.97	
Receipts of Bequests	35.00	523.97
Deposited in Savings Bank	35.00	
Interest transferred to town	488.97	523.97

CHARLES F. SLATE, Treasurer

Tax Collector's Report

	Taxes for 1955	
Outstanding 1/1/59		\$221.40
Paid to Treasurer	33.00	
Abated	188.40	
	\$221.40	\$221.40

	Taxes for 1956	
Outstanding 1/1/59		\$1,597.86
Paid to Treasurer	1,045.05	
Abated	31.92	
Outstanding 1/1/60	520.89	
	\$1,597.86	\$1,597.86

	Taxes for 1957	
Outstanding 1/1/59		\$12,047.61
Paid to Treasurer	9,197.89	
Abated	44.78	
Outstanding 1/1/60	2,804.94	
	\$12,047.61	\$12,047.61

	Taxes for 1958	
Outstanding 1/1/59		\$37,006.38
Refunds		192.51
Committee in 1959		241.43
Paid to Treasurer	22,277.99	
Abated	474.72	
Outstanding 1/1/60	14,687.61	
	\$37,440.32	\$37,440.32

	Taxes for 1959	
Poll Tax Levy		\$1,332.00
Refunds		2.00
Paid to Treasurer	844.00	
Exemptions	286.00	
Abated	26.00	
Outstanding 1/1/60	178.00	
	\$1,334.00	1,334.00

Personal Property Tax Levy		\$19,866.00
Paid to Treasurer	18,831.85	
Abated	12.90	
Outstanding 1/1/60	1,021.25	
	\$19,866.00	\$19,866.00
Animal Tax Levy		\$790.62
Refunds		19.38
Paid to Treasurer	638.73	
Outstanding 1/1/60	171.27	
	\$810.00	\$810.00
Real Estate Tax Levy		\$202,434.97
Refunds		34.40
Paid to Treasurer	172,138.10	
Tax Titles Taken	550.83	
Exemptions	4,524.89	
Abated	491.49	
Outstanding	24,764.06	
	\$202,469.37	\$202,469.37
Motor Vehicle Tax Levy		\$30,040.48
Refunds		398.86
Paid to Treasurer	22,045.92	
Abated	1,292.77	
Outstanding 1/1/60	7,100.65	
	\$30,439.34	\$30,439.34

Board of Assessors' Report

For the Year Ending December 31, 1959

Recapitulation

Town Appropriation

(a) To be raised by Taxation	\$352,678.43	
(b) To be raised from available funds		
in 1959	\$42,230.84	
in 1958 after tax rate was fixed	5,475.00	
		\$47,705.84
Veterans' Service District		\$400,384.27
State Assessments 1959 Estimated		869.65
State Parks and Reservations	\$1,206.61	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	1,197.36	
		2,403.97
County Assessments		
County Tax	\$12,510.62	
Underestimates	496.21	
		\$13,006.83
County Retirement System	2,021.24	
		\$15,028.07
Overlay of current year		8,845.25
		\$427,531.21

Estimated Receipts and Available Funds

Income Tax	\$39,517.92
Corporation Taxes	7,273.74
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	647.71
Old Age Tax (meals) Chap. 64B, S 10	1,710.25
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	34,000.00
Licenses	200.00
General Government	300.00

Protection of Persons and		
Property	200.00	
Health and Sanitation	100.00	
Charities (other than Federal		
Grants for Aid to Dependent		
children)	3,000.00	
Old Age Assistance (other than		
Federal Grants)	28,000.00	
Veterans' Services	600.00	
Schools	14,000.00	
Libraries	100.00	
Interest on Taxes	1,000.00	
Farm Animal Excise	600.00	
		\$131,249.62
Available Funds	\$47,705.84	
Free Cash	25,000.00	
Overestimates — State Parks		
and Reservations	12.98	
Total Estimated Receipts and		
Available Funds		\$203,968.44
Net Amount To Be Raised		
By Taxation		223,562.77
Number of Polls 661 @ \$2.00 each	\$1,322.00	
Valuation of Personal Property		
\$230,300.00 @ \$86.00	19,805.80	
Valuation of Real Estate		
\$2,353,895.00 @ \$86.00	202,434.97	
		\$223,562.77

Table of Aggregates

Number of Polls	661	
Number of Persons Assessed	761	
On Personal Property only	46	
On Real Estate only	471	
On both Personal and Real Estate	244	
Value of Assessed Stock		
in Trade	\$59,040.00	
Machinery	158,220.00	
Live Stock	3,840.00	
All Other Personal Property	9,200.00	
Total Value of		
Assessed Personal		\$230,300.00

Value of Assessed Real Estate

Land Exclusive of Buildings	\$616,720.00	
Buildings Exclusive of land	1,737,175.00	
Total value of Real Estate		\$2,353,895.00
Total value of Estate		\$2,584,195.00
Tax Rate per \$1,000.00	\$86.00	
Taxes for State, County or Town Purposes		
On Personal	\$19,805.80	
On Real Estate	202,434.97	
On Polls	1,322.00	
		\$223,562.77

The above figures do not include

additional warrants

Poll \$10.00

Personal 60.20

—\$70.20

Abatements During the Year 1959

Levy of	1959	1958	1957	1956	1955
Polls	\$312.00	\$26.00	\$6.00	\$4.00	
Personals	12.90	15.40	2.88	7.50	\$188.40
Real Estate	491.49		24.00		
Motor Vehicles	1,292.77	433.32	11.90	20.42	
Exemptions					
Chap. 59, Sec. 5					
Cl. 22	\$4,524.89				

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise

Number of Motor Vehicles	982
Total Excise on Motor Vehicles	\$30,040.48
Total Assessed Valuation	\$542,730.00

Motor Vehicle incomplete — Compiled to December 31, 1959

We the Board of Assessors wish to take this opportunity to thank the People of Northfield and Town Officials for their continued co-operation and support.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFFORD A. FIELD

WINTHROP E. SPENCER

LEE H. SHELDON

Assessors

Welfare Department Report

Old Age Assistance

No. cases January 1, 1959	50	
No. cases added during year	4	
No. cases closed during year	9	
No. cases on December 31, 1959	45	
Appropriation, 1959	39,000.00	
U. S. Grant, carried from 1958	11,863.95	
U. S. Grant reimbursements, 1959	22,984.00	
Cancelled checks and refunds	201.20	
		\$74,049.15
Expended, from U. S. Grant appropriation	54,067.86	
Transferred to revenue	3,184.18	
U. S. Grant forward to 1960	16,797.11	
		\$74,049.15

Aid to Dependent Children

No. cases January 1, 1959	2	
No. cases added during this year	1	
No. cases closed during year	1	
No. cases December 31, 1959	2	
Appropriation 1959	4,000.00	
U. S. Grant carried from 1958	1,369.47	
U. S. Grant reimbursements, 1959	1,867.50	
		7,236.97
Expended, payrolls, from U. S. Grant and appropriation	3,813.47	
Transferred to revenue	1,764.93	
U. S. Grant forward to 1960	1,658.57	
		7,236.97

Disability Assistance

No. cases January 1, 1959	1	
No. cases added during year	1	
No. cases closed during year	1	
No. cases December 31, 1959	1	
Appropriation, 1959	2,500.00	
U. S. Grant carried forward from 1958	553.60	
U. S. Grant reimbursements, 1959	692.50	
		3,746.10

Expended, U. S. Grant and appropriation	2,668.18	
Transferred to revenue	258.32	
U. S. Grant forward to 1960	819.60	
		3,746.10

General Relief

No. cases January 1, 1959	3	
No. cases added during year	8	
No. cases closed during year	7	
No. cases December 31, 1959	4	
Appropriation, 1959		4,000.00

Expended:

Cash to GR recipients	953.00
Payment to other towns	1.75
Payments to vendors:	
Maintenance	472.32
Hospitals	1,232.42
Physicians	192.50
Drugs	11.75
Dentist	70.00

1,978.99

Transferred to revenue	1,066.26
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4,000.00

Administration

Appropriation, 1959	3,000.00
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U. S. Grant carried from 1958:

OAA	1,585.09
ADC	589.61
DA	168.75
	2,343.45

U. S. Grant reimbursements, 1959:

OAA	2,281.76
ADC	495.24
DA	108.47
	2,885.47

8,228.92

Expended:

Salaries	5,271.09
Transportation	88.40
Postage	40.00
Telephone	81.25

Office supplies, service contracts and misc.	195.10		
		5,675.90	
Transferred to revenue		.00	
U. S. Grant forward to 1960:			
OAA	1,190.95		
ADC	1,084.85		
DA	277.22		
		2,553.02	
			8,228.92

Budget requests for 1960 will be seen to represent a decrease of \$2,000 from the total appropriation made in 1959. Certain figures usually in this report will be found in the Town Accountant's report, and therefore will not be duplicated.

The splendid cooperation received from the Board of Selectmen and of Public Welfare, and from all other departments and officials of the town during the past year, has been greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,

SHIRLEY H. KEHL, Director
Northfield Board of Public Welfare

Town Accountant's Report

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I submit the following report of the Accountant's Department for the calendar year ending Dec. 31, 1959, including the source of all receipts, detail of appropriations and expenditures, statement of trust funds and town debt, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town January 1, 1960.

Helen M. Stearns

RECEIPTS

1955 Taxes		
Personal Property	\$	33.00
1956 Taxes		
Polls	4.00	
Personal Property	37.50	
Real Estate	574.38	
	_____ \$	615.88
1957 Taxes		
Polls	6.00	
Personal Property	259.20	
Real Estate	6,394.97	
	_____ \$	6,660.17
1958 Taxes		
Polls	94.00	
Personal Property	1,216.79	
Real Estate	16,013.26	
	_____ \$	17,324.05
1959 Taxes		
Polls	844.00	
Personal Property	18,831.85	
Real Estate	172,138.10	
	_____ \$	191,813.95
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1958	59.51	
Levy of 1959	638.73	
	_____ \$	698.24
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1956	429.17	
Levy of 1957	2,537.72	
Levy of 1958	4,894.43	
Levy of 1959	22,045.92	
	_____ \$	29,907.24

Collector's Costs		\$	422.75
Sale of Tax Title Property	115.97		
Sale of Tax Possessions	40.00		
		\$	155.97
Accounts Receivable			
General Relief	1,525.92		
Old Age Assistance	20,377.98		
Aid Dependent Children	1,212.50		
Disability Assistance Adm.	54.23		
Disability Assistance	1,306.54		
Veterans' Benefits	309.07		
		\$	24,786.24
Federal Grants			
O. A. A. Adm.	2,281.26		
O. A. A. Assistance	21,319.98		
A. D. C. Adm.	495.24		
A. D. C. Assistance	1,867.50		
D. A. Adm.	108.47		
D. A. Assistance	692.50		
		\$	26,764.95
Aid to Highways			
State	32,138.05		
County	5,072.85		
		\$	37,210.90
Road Machinery Fund		\$	10,221.75
School Lunch		\$	13,252.22
Dog Licenses collected for County		\$	518.75
County Dog Officer		\$	198.00
Wild Cat Bounty		\$	40.00
Rent Town Hall		\$	392.75
Rent Alexander Hall		\$	15.00
Licenses Granted		\$	139.00
Sealer's Fees		\$	84.50
Nurse's Fees		\$	322.50
Library Fines		\$	165.14
Court Fines		\$	30.00
Telephone Calls		\$	.37
Lost School Book		\$	2.00
Playground Tuition		\$	14.00
*Kiwanis Club Gift to Summer Playground		\$	25.00
U. S. Bond Income		\$	250.00
Interest on Sale of Real Estate acct.		\$	31.69
Interest on deferred Taxes		\$	1,137.03
Trust Funds for Perpetual Care		\$	35.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		\$	133.50
American Motorist Insurance		\$	42.25

Payroll Deductions

Federal Withholding Taxes	15,424.92	
State Withholding Taxes	1,359.90	
County Retirement	2,058.95	
Teachers Retirement	2,567.77	
Mass. Hospital Service	1,880.25	
		\$ 23,291.79

State

Loss of Taxes	693.89	
Livestock Disease Control	87.67	
Meals Tax	1,828.95	
Corporation Tax	8,823.74	
Income Tax	34,626.53	
School Aid, Chapter 70	9,618.25	
Vocational Education	802.33	
Tuition, Transportation Wards	1,127.66	
Transportation	11,932.86	
		\$ 69,541.88

County

Dog Fund		\$ 497.84
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Trust Funds Interest

Elisha Alexander Charity	63.13	
George F. Morgan Charity	75.45	
Roselle Evans Worthy Poor	12.58	
Belcher Center School	31.92	
Belcher Library	187.33	
Maude Montague Library	50.00	
Dickinson Book	75.45	
P. C. Center, Mt. H. & So. Mt. Cemeteries	343.54	
P. C. Nfld Farms	84.51	
P. C. West Nfld.	170.59	
P. C. Mary Callender	12.58	
P. C. Calvin Stearns	12.58	
Surplus Revenue School Fund	24.00	
		\$ 1,143.66

Refunds

Land Court	140.00	
Nfld. Press	2.35	
O. A. A.	201.20	
Mass. Hospital Service	12.68	
Fire Dept. Check undelivered	4.00	
		\$ 360.23
Total Cash Receipts		\$458,279.19
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1959		137,157.46
		\$595,436.65

RECAPITULATION

	APP.	PYT.	BAL.
Moderator	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	
Moderator's Expense	15.00	15.00	
Selectmen & Welfare Bd.	1,250.00	1,250.00	
Selectmen's Expense	350.00	341.84	8.16
Accountant	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Accountant's Expense	75.00	75.00	
Treasurer	950.00	950.00	
Treasurer's Expense	465.00	465.00	
Treasurer's Check Writer	208.50	207.50	1.00
Tax Collector	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Tax Collector's Expense	572.71	572.71	
Assessors & Clerk	1,600.00	1,600.00	
Assessors' Expense	300.00	159.54	61.42
Finance Board Expense	25.00	16.00	9.00
Town Clerk	550.00	550.00	
Town Clerk Expense	100.00	100.00	
Legal Expense	250.00	250.00	
Election & Registration	900.00	769.12	130.88
Planning Board Expense	50.00	20.00	30.00
Town Hall Maintenance	5,300.00	4,281.51	1,018.49
Constables & Expense	750.00	750.00	
Fire Dept. Salaries	250.00	250.00	
1957 Salary — Forest Warden	100.00	100.00	
Fire Dept. Hose & Equipment	1,185.00	1,155.00	30.00
Hydrant Service	400.00	400.00	
Maintenance of Water Holes	200.00		200.00
Maint. Fire Sta. & Town Garage	1,900.00	1,798.00	102.00
Insect & Pest Control	1,000.00	995.85	4.15
Tree Warden	800.00	746.43	53.57
Tree Nursery	400.00	343.33	56.67
Public Safety	50.00		50.00
Wire Inspector	50.00		50.00
Sealer Wgts. & Measures & Expense	200.00	200.00	
Dog Officer	175.00	166.89	8.11
Health	1,300.00	1,089.40	210.60
Nurse & Substitute	2,800.00	2,800.00	
Nurse's Expense	75.00	27.09	47.91
Nurse's Car Expense	300.00	298.23	1.77
Inspection of Animals	200.00	131.10	68.90
Inspection of Meat & Slaughter	50.00	25.00	25.00
Hwy. Supt. Expense	141.87	141.87	
Hwy. Tools	100.00	100.00	

Hwy. Chapter 81	23,100.00	23,100.00	
Hwy. Chapter 90 Const. 1958	5,044.69	5,044.69	
Hwy. Chapter 90 Const. 1959	16,000.00	16,000.00	
Hwy. Chapter 90 Maintenance	4,500.00	4,500.00	
Hwy Work, Railings, Bridges	3,500.00	3,500.00	
Sidewalks	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Street Lights	6,586.00	6,585.96	.04
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys, Plans	250.00		250.00
Public Welfare Adm.	3,000.00	3,000.00	
General Relief	4,000.00	2,933.74	1,066.26
Old Age Assistance	39,088.60	35,904.42	3,184.18
Aid Dependent Children	4,000.00	2,235.07	1,764.93
Disability Assistance	2,500.00	2,241.68	258.32
Soldiers' Relief	2,500.00	2,433.46	66.54
School Committees	600.00	600.00	
Schools	97,000.00	96,988.33	11.67
P. V. R. S. Capital Expense	30,745.06	30,745.06	
P. V. R. S. Operating Expense	83,807.98	83,807.98	
Nfld Farms Library	150.00	150.00	
Dickinson Library	6,000.00	6,000.00	
Alexander Hall	250.00	250.00	
Insurance	6,135.00	5,676.36	458.64
Interest	300.00		300.00
Damages 1959	300.00		300.00
Clock & Fountain	127.50	127.50	
Town Reports	989.89	989.89	
Tax Title Foreclosure Costs	300.00	10.10	289.90
Protection Tax Title Property	25.00		25.00
Memorial Day	275.00	179.20	95.80
Playground & Athletic Field	400.00	221.71	178.29
Summer Playground	500.00	494.44	5.56
Fish for Streams	200.00	200.00	
Repairs—Discontinued Schoolhouses	50.00		50.00
Fence Viewers Expense	25.00		25.00
Field Drivers' Expense	25.00		25.00
Cemeteries	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Additional Land for Mt. H. Cemetery	200.00	200.00	
Fire Station Bonds & Interest	4,116.00	4,116.00	
Unexpended balances to Revenue			\$10,461.34
Fire Dept.	3,073.25	2,974.25	99.00
Dutch Elm Control	2,700.00	2,698.69	1.31
Snow Removal	9,161.22	9,157.22	4.00
Unexpended balances to Reserve Fund			\$104.31

Assessors' Expense reserved to 1960			79.04
Plotting Map for Assessors	1,236.53	392.14	844.39
Equalization of Taxation Program	1,240.47	69.56	1,170.91
Civil Defense	448.98	90.10	358.88
Highland Circuit	250.00		250.00
Damages 1959	200.00	1.00	199.00
Relocate Belcher Fountain	1,000.00		1,000.00
Cemetery Lots Filing	94.25		94.25

Unexpended balances to 1960			\$4,057.89
Purchase of Truck	4,500.00	4,117.00	383.00
Unexpended balance to Mach. Maint. Mar. 1959			
Machinery Maintenance	7,383.00	6,080.69	1,302.31
Unexpended balance to Rd. Mach. Fund			
Overdrawn Acct. Due from State & County			
Repair & Paint Schell Bridge	7,900.45	11,634.42	4,144.75
Refunds on Taxes		40.40	
Refund on Farm Animal Excise		19.38	
Refunds on M. V. Excise		587.37	
Collector's Costs		422.75	
U. S. Grant O. A. A. Adm.		2,666.44	
U. S. Grant O. A. A.		18,163.44	
U. S. Grant A. D. C.		1,578.40	
U. S. Grant D. A.		426.50	
School Lunch		14,383.25	
Dog Licenses collected for Co.		530.50	
Federal Withholding Taxes		15,308.02	
State Withholding Taxes		988.75	
County Retirement		2,054.51	
Teachers Retirement		2,272.70	
Mass. Hospital Service		1,710.78	
State Parks & Reservations		1,099.19	
State Audit		1,197.36	
U. S. Bond Income		250.00	
Veterans Service Center		869.65	
Co. Retirement System		2,021.24	
Co. Tax		12,729.99	
Co. Dog Officer		168.00	
Wild Cat Bounty		20.00	
Trust Funds to Savings		35.00	
Kiwanis Club—Gift to Summer Playground		25.00	
Elisha Alexander Charity Fund Interest		90.00	
Geo. F. Morgan Charity Fund Interest		9.20	
Belcher Ctr. School Fund Interest		144.47	
Belcher Library Fund Interest		422.06	

Dickinson Book Fund Interest	196.59
P. C. Ctr., Mt. H. & So. Mt. Cemeteries	394.39
P. C. Northfield Farms Cemetery	104.83
P. C. West Northfield Cemetery	434.56
P. C. Mary Callender Lot.	10.40
P. C. Calvin Stearns Lot.	15.01
Refund State Withholding Taxes	.14
Refund County Retirement	5.00

Total Cash Payments	\$485,212.34
Cash on hand Dec. 31, 1959	110,224.31
	\$595,436.65

Selectmen's Expense

Appropriation		350.00
Ass'n Memberships	31.00	
Lawyers Co-op Pub. Co.	20.00	
Boston Blueprint Co.	25.44	
Telephone	86.15	
Supplies	54.25	
Public Safety	10.00	
Co. of Franklin	5.00	
Robert P. Barnes	50.00	
Stanley Wickey	50.00	
Corys Heselton	10.00	
	341.84	
Balance to revenue	8.16	
		350.00

Accountant's Expense

Appropriation		75.00
Ass'n Membership	2.00	
Supplies	73.00	
		75.00

Treasurer's Expense

Appropriation	400.00	
Reserve	65.00	
		465.00
Ass'n Membership	135.20	
Supplies	325.80	
		465.00

Tax Collector's Expense		
Appropriation	500.00	
Reserve	72.71	
Ass'n Membership	4.00	572.71
Bonds	257.80	
Supplies	310.91	
		572.71

Assessors' Expense		
Appropriation		300.00
Ass'n Membership	9.00	
Registry of Deeds	48.40	
Supplies	72.14	
W. E. Spencer, expenses	10.00	
L. H. Sheldon, expenses	10.00	
C. A. Field, expenses	10.00	
	159.54	
Transferred to Revenue	61.42	
Balance to 1960	79.04	
		300.00

Plotting Map for Assessors		
Balance from 1958		1,236.53
Boston Blue Print Co.	239.64	
Robert P. Barnes	152.50	
	392.14	
Balance to 1960	844.39	
		1,236.53

Equalization of Valuation Program		
Balance from 1958		1,240.47
Labor & Supplies	69.56	
Balance to 1960	1,170.91	
		1,240.47

Finance Board Expense		
Appropriation		25.00
Ass'n Membership	15.00	
Postage	1.00	
	16.00	
Balance to Revenue	9.00	
		25.00

	Town Clerk's Expense	
Appropriation		100.00
Ass'n Membership	7.50	
Bond	11.25	
Supplies	81.25	
		100.00
	Election and Registration	
Appropriation		900.00
Election	204.13	
Registration & Listing	364.99	
Street Lists	200.00	
	769.12	
Balance to Revenue	130.88	
		900.00
	Planning Board Expense	
Appropriation		50.00
Ass'n Membership	20.00	
Balance to Revenue	30.00	
Balance to Revenue		50.00
	Town Hall Maintenance	
Appropriation		5,300.00
Fuel	1,661.96	
Lights	217.50	
Water	12.00	
Com. Public Safety	35.00	
Janitor	1,800.00	
Janitor Supplies	89.39	
Rubbish Removal	41.55	
Repairs	344.11	
Shrubs	80.00	
	4,281.51	
Balance to Revenue	1,018.49	
		5,300.00
	Constables and Expense	
Appropriation		750.00
Salaries	689.84	
Supplies	60.16	
		750.00
	Fire Department	
Appropriation	2,550.00	
Refund	4.00	
Reserve	519.25	
		3,073.25

Tri-State Mutual Aid	10.00	
Northfield Payroll	1,595.00	
Gill Payroll	36.00	
Vernon Payroll	54.00	
Brattleboro Payroll	17.50	
Telephone Service	262.75	
Repairs & Supplies	999.00	
	2,974.25	
Balance to Reserve	99.00	
		3,073.25

Fire Department Salaries

Appropriation		250.00
Dunnell, Fire Chief	100.00	
Williams, Forest Warden	100.00	
Morgan, Secretary	50.00	
		250.00

Fire Department Hose and Equipment

Appropriation		1,185.00
Hose	772.00	
Smoke Ejector	180.00	
Nozzles	155.00	
Y Gate	48.00	
	1,155.00	
Balance to Revenue	30.00	
		1,185.00

Maintenance Fire Station and Town Garage

Appropriation		1,900.00
Fuel	854.63	
Lights	406.34	
Water	21.21	
Repairs	56.82	
Painting	295.00	
Grading	124.00	
Shrubs	40.00	
	1,798.00	
Balance to Revenue	102.00	
		1,900.00

Dutch Elm Control		
Appropriation	2,200.00	
Reserve	500.00	
		2,700.00
N. E. Tree Expert Co.	93.00	
Payroll	2,601.94	
Supplies	3.75	
	2,698.69	
Balance to Reserve	1.31	
		2,700.00
Insect and Pest Control		
Appropriation		1,000.00
Hinkley Tree Service	131.25	
Spray Materials	304.50	
Payroll	560.10	
	995.85	
Balance to Revenue	4.15	
		1,000.00
Tree Warden		
Appropriation		800.00
Payroll	738.68	
Supplies	7.75	
	746.43	
Balance to Revenue	53.57	
		800.00
Tree Nursery		
Appropriation		400.00
Nursery Stock	166.18	
Labor	161.65	
Supplies	15.50	
	343.33	
Balance to Revenue	56.67	
		400.00
Civil Defense		
Balance from 1958	83.98	
Appropriation	365.00	
		448.98

Surplus Property	52.20	
H. F. Field, Supplies	37.90	
	90.10	
Balance to 1960	358.88	
		448.98

Health

Appropriation		1,300.00
Abalene Exterminating Co. (Dump)	84.00	
Holloway Bros. (Dump)	795.00	
Dr. Pacosa (Clinic)	75.00	
Co. Board of Health	6.00	
Dr. True	5.00	
Supplies	8.40	
Vital Statistics	76.00	
Corys Heselton	40.00	
	1,089.40	
Balance to Revenue	210.60	
		1,300.00

Nurse and Substitute

Appropriation		2,800.00
Nurse, Marian Billings	2,550.00	
Vacation Substitute, Ruth Butler	200.00	
Sick Leave Substitute, Ruth Butler	50.00	
		2,800.00

Nurse's Expense

Appropriation		75.00
Medical Supplies	14.03	
Office Supplies	11.41	
Telephone	1.65	
	27.09	
Balance to Revenue	47.91	
		75.00

Highway Superintendent Expense

Appropriation	125.00	
Reserve	16.87	
		141.87
Telephone	124.15	
Supplies	17.72	
		141.87

Highway Chapter 81

Appropriation	4,950.00	
Surplus Revenue	18,150.00	
		23,100.00
Labor	8,796.92	
Town Machinery	3,285.75	
Hired Machinery	2,119.75	
Material	8,897.58	
		23,100.00

Chapter 90 Construction 1958

Balance from 1958		5,044.69
Labor	1,637.90	
Town Machinery	728.25	
Hired Machinery	229.50	
Material	2,449.04	
		5,044.69

Chapter 90 Construction 1959

Appropriation	4,000.00	
Surplus Revenue	12,000.00	
		16,000.00
Labor	4,411.35	
Town Machinery	1,745.25	
Hired Machinery	4,335.50	
Material	5,507.90	
		16,000.00

Chapter 90 Maintenance

Appropriation	1,500.00	
Surplus Revenue	3,000.00	
		4,500.00
Labor	634.65	
Town Machinery	215.25	
Hired Machinery	139.50	
Material	3,510.60	
		4,500.00

Highway Work, Railings, Bridges

Appropriation		3,500.00
Labor	2,290.10	
Town Machinery	699.25	
Material	510.65	
		3,500.00

Repair and Paint Schell Bridge

Chapter 718 (Hwy Bond Issue)	2,000.00	
State	4,827.60	
County	1,072.85	
Overdrawn — due from State & County		7,900.45
		4,144.75
		12,045.20
Overdrawn bal. 1958	410.78	
Buffalo Painting & Sheeting Co.	8,940.00	
Labor	725.90	
Town Machinery	120.00	
Hired Machinery	868.25	
Material	980.27	
		12,045.20

Snow Removal

Appropriation	9,000.00	
Reserve	161.22	
		9,161.22
Labor	3,518.81	
Town Machinery	2,794.05	
Hired Machinery	481.27	
Material	2,194.27	
Repairs & Blades	168.82	
	9,157.22	
Balance to Reserve	4.00	
		9,161.22

Public Welfare Administration

Appropriation		3,000.00
Salaries	2,783.42	
Office Maint. & Supplies	164.63	
Travel	51.95	
		3,000.00

Public Welfare Administration — O. A. A., U. S. G.

Balance from 1958	1,568.13	
Receipts 1959	2,281.26	
		3,849.39
Salaries	2,477.67	
Office Maint. & Supplies	119.53	
Travel	36.24	
Ass'n Memberships	33.00	

	2,666.44	
Balance to 1960	1,182.95	
		3,849.39
Schools		
Appropriation		97,000.00
Teachers Salaries	62,488.76	
Supt. Salary	1,809.96	
Office Clerk	531.97	
Janitors Salaries	5,486.94	
Travel	213.47	
Physician	350.00	
Nurse	709.00	
Transportation	13,596.68	
Text Books	1,524.53	
Students Supplies	952.73	
Janitor Supplies	1,315.27	
Fuel	2,811.68	
Water & Current	1,487.07	
Repairs	966.84	
New Equipment	179.82	
Sundry	538.92	
Vocational Tuition	255.08	
Vocational Transportation	327.00	
Special Project — Lunchroom	1,442.61	
	96,988.33	
Balance to Revenue	11.67	
		97,000.00
Dickinson Library		
Appropriation		6,000.00
Librarian Salaries	4,174.14	
Lights	173.40	
Telephone	68.35	
Fuel	437.11	
Water	12.00	
Repairs	129.84	
Janitor Supplies	59.61	
Books	680.67	
Magazines	118.23	
Book Binding	38.08	
Library Supplies	81.87	
Librarian Travel	11.70	
Petty Cash	15.00	
		6,000.00

Belcher Library Fund Interest

Balance from 1958	466.25	
Interest added	187.33	
		653.58
Salaries	200.70	
Lights	17.32	
Telephone	6.20	
Fuel	13.52	
Repairs	16.53	
Janitor Supplies	12.50	
Books	87.22	
Magazines	23.33	
Book Binding	44.74	
	422.06	
Balance to 1960	231.52	
		653.58

Dickinson Book Fund Interest

Balance from 1958	121.14	
Interest added	75.45	
	196.59	
Books		196.59

Alexander Hall

Appropriation		250.00
Janitor Salary	120.00	
Janitor Supplies	7.39	
Repairs	15.65	
New Equipment	106.96	
		250.00

Insurance

Appropriation		6,135.00
Workmen's Compensation	1,788.71	
Buildings	1,933.59	
Fire Dept.	870.30	
Nurse's Car	140.90	
Hwy. Dept.	689.12	
Coll. & Treas. Robbery	234.99	
Coll. & Treas. Forgery	18.75	
	5,676.36	
Balance to Revenue	458.64	
		6,135.00

Clock and Fountain		
Appropriation	125.00	
Reserve	2.50	
		127.50
Care of Clock	75.00	
Electricity	21.00	
Water	25.00	
Service, turning water on & off	6.50	
		127.50
Town Reports		
Appropriation		989.89
Amherst Journal Record	936.89	
Postage	45.00	
Robert P. Barnes	8.00	
		989.89
Memorial Day		
Appropriation		275.00
Yetter, the Florist	97.40	
Avery's, Grave Marker Flags	24.30	
P. V. R. S. Band	50.00	
Sundry	7.50	
	179.20	
Balance to Revenue	95.80	
		275.00
Playground and Athletic Field		
Appropriation		400.00
Labor	142.10	
Supplies	13.38	
Equipment & Loam	66.23	
	221.71	
Balance to Revenue	178.29	
		400.00
Summer Playground Program		
Appropriation	500.00	
Kiwanis Club Donation	25.00	
		525.00
Salaries	460.00	
Supplies	59.44	
	519.44	
Balance to Revenue	5.56	
		525.00

Cemeteries		
Appropriation		2,200.00
Labor	2,032.96	
Power Mower	87.96	
Supplies	79.08	
		2,200.00
P. C. Center, So. Mt. and Mt. H. Cemeteries		
Balance from 1958	68.01	
Interest added	343.54	
		411.55
Labor	387.39	
Repairs & Supplies	7.00	
	394.39	
Balance to 1960	17.16	
		411.55
P. C. Northfield Farms Cemetery		
Balance from 1958	109.05	
Interest added	84.51	
		193.56
Labor	99.25	
Supplies	5.58	
	104.83	
Balance to 1960	88.73	
		193.56
P. C. West Northfield Cemetery		
Balance from 1958	422.46	
Interest added	170.59	
		593.05
Labor	252.23	
Trimmer	84.95	
Mower	57.50	
Supplies	39.88	
	434.56	
Balance to 1960	158.49	
		593.05
P. C. Mary Callender Lot		
Balance from 1958	35.12	
Interest added	12.58	
		47.70
Labor	10.40	
Balance to 1960	37.30	
		47.70

P. C. Calvin Stearns Lot

Balance from 1958	36.85	
Interest added	12.58	
		49.43
Labor	15.01	
Balance to 1960	34.42	
		49.43

Road Machinery Fund

Balance from 1958	3,046.24	
Receipts	10,221.75	
Transferred from Maint.	1,302.31	
		14,570.30
Transferred to Machinery Maint.	7,000.00	
Balance to 1960	7,570.30	
		14,570.30

Elisha Alexander Charity Interest

Balance from 1958	687.01	
Interest added	63.13	
		750.14
Sundry Persons	90.00	
Balance to 1960	660.14	
		750.14

George F. Morgan Charity Interest

Balance from 1958	441.53	
Interest added	75.45	
		516.98
Sundry Persons	9.20	
Balance to 1960	507.78	
		516.98

Belcher Center School Interest

Balance from 1958	144.47	
Interest	31.92	
		176.39
Part pyt. Projector & Tape Recorder	144.47	
Balance to 1960	31.92	
		176.39

Sale of Cemetery Lots

Balance from 1958	2,071.12	
Sale of Lots	133.50	
		2,204.62
Transferred to Purchase Land Mt. H. Cem.	200.00	
Balance to 1960	2,004.62	
		2,204.62

School Lunch		
Balance from 1958	3,731.83	
Receipts	13,252.22	
		16,984.05
Salaries	4,397.60	
Food	9,640.58	
Transportation	70.40	
Repairs	123.21	
Supplies	151.46	
	14,383.25	
Balance to 1960	2,600.80	
		16,984.05

Balance Sheet, Town of Northfield

Balance Sheet — December 31, 1959

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash	\$110,224.31	Payroll Deductions	1,447.84
Accounts Receivable		Federal Taxes	371.01
Levy of 1956		State Taxes	245.41
Personal Property	16.43	County Retirement	295.07
Levy of 1957		Teachers' Retirement	182.15
Poll	2.00	Blue Cross & Blue Shield	2,541.48
Personal Property	48.00	Trust Fund Income	
Real Estate	815.12	Elisha Alexander Charity	660.14
Levy of 1958		Geo. F. Morgan Charity	507.78
Poll	24.00	Roselle Evans Charity	185.65
Personal Property	216.29	Belcher Center School	31.92
Real Estate	9,958.29	Belcher Library	231.52
Levy of 1959	10,198.67	Montague Library	254.47
Poll	178.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care	17.16
Personal Property	1,021.25	West Nfld Cemetery	158.49
Real Estate	24,764.06	Nfld Farms Cemetery	88.73
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	25,963.31	Mary Callender Lot	37.30
Levy of 1956	504.46	Calvin Stearns Lot	34.42
Levy of 1957	1,939.82	Federal Grants	
Levy of 1958	4,488.84	Old Age Assistance	16,797.11
Levy of 1959	7,100.65	O. A. A. Administration	1,182.95
Farm Animal Excise	14,033.77	Aid Dependent Children	1,658.57
Levy of 1959	171.27	A. D. C. Administration	1,084.85

Tax Titles & Possessions					
Tax Titles	5,688.35		Disability Assistance	819.60	21,820.30
Tax Possessions	603.51	6,291.86	D. A. Administration	277.22	2,600.80
Departmental			School Lunch Fund		7,570.30
General Relief	14.32		Road Machinery Fund		259.53
Old Age Assistance	366.83		Tailings		1,260.00
Aid Dependent Children	489.68	870.83	Sale of Real Estate Fund		2,004.62
Aid to Hwys			Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		3.50
State	26,934.03		Dog Licenses collected for Co.		
County	6,427.15	33,361.18	Overestimate 1959		
County Tax		219.37	State Parks & Reservations		107.42
Due from County			Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		9,268.89
Dog Officer Fees	6.00		Overlays Reserved for Abatements		
Wild Cat Bounty	20.00	26.00	Levy of 1956	16.43	
Overdrawn Account			Levy of 1957	865.12	
Schell Bridge		4,144.75	Levy of 1958	1,638.12	
			Levy of 1959	3,503.97	6,023.64
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected		
			Motor Vehicle & Trailer		
			Excise	14,033.77	
			Farm Animal Excise	171.27	
			Tax Title & Possessions	6,291.86	
			Departmental	870.83	
			Aid to Hwys	33,361.18	54,728.91
			Appropriation Balances		
			Assessors' Expense	79.04	
			Plotting Assessors Map	844.39	
			Equalization of Valuation	1,170.91	
			Civil Defense	358.88	

Highland Circuit	250.00
Damages—bal. of 1958	199.00
Relocate Belcher Fountain	1,000.00
Cemetery Filing System	94.25
Surplus Revenue	3,996.47
	91,993.43

\$206,386.87

\$206,386.87

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	45,000.00	Fire Station & Garage Loan	45,000.00
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TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds	
Cash and Securities	
In custody of Treasurer	64,575.88
In custody of Selectmen	2,323.00
In custody of Trustees	9,866.91
In custody of Cemetery Commissioners	203.50

In custody of Treasurer:

Lottie Evans Charity	1,009.45
Geo. F. Morgan Charity	3,000.00
Roselle Evans Charity	500.00
Surplus Rev. School Fund	1,600.00
Belcher Center School	1,250.00
Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
Dickinson Book Fund	3,000.00
Montague Library Fund	2,000.00
Jas. W. Cowles Cemetery	2,000.00
Belcher Center Cemetery	2,000.00
Calvin Stearns Cemetery	500.00
Mary Callender Cemetery	500.00
West Nfld Cemetery	8,870.00
Cemetery P. C. Funds	13,934.75
Post War Rehabilitation	14,673.21
	64,575.88

In custody of Selectmen:	
Elisha Alexander Charity	2,020.00
Cemetery P. C. Funds	303.00
In custody of Trustees:	
Martha Alexander Charity	9,866.91
In custody of Cemetery Commissioners	
Cemetery P. C. Funds	203.50
	\$76,969.29

\$76,969.29

State Audit, Town of Northfield

BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1958

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities and Reserves	
Cash,		Payroll Deductions:	\$1,330.94
Accounts Receivable:		Federal Taxes	245.97
Taxes:		County Retirement System	
Levy of 1955:			
Personal Property		Dog Licenses—Due County	
Levy of 1956:		Tailings—Unclaimed Checks	
Poll	\$8.00	Trust Fund Income:	
Personal Property	61.43	Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	687.01
Real Estate	574.38	George F. Morgan Charity Fund	441.53
		Roselle Evans Charity Fund	173.07
Levy of 1957:		Belcher Center School Fund	144.47
Poll	14.00	Belcher Library Fund	466.25
Personal Property	310.08	Maude Montague Library Fund	204.47
Real Estate	7,234.09	Charles P. Dickinson	
		Library Book Fund	121.14
Levy of 1958:		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	68.01
Poll	140.00	Northfield Farms Cemetery Funds	109.05
Personal Property	1,448.48	West Northfield Cemetery Fund	422.46
Real Estate	25,971.74	Mary H. Callender Cemetery	
		Fund	35.12
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	36.85
Levy of 1956	810.35		
			2,909.43

\$1,576.91
15.25
259.53

Levy of 1957	4,489.44		Old Age Assistance Recoveries		3,990.46
Levy of 1958	9,386.65		Federal Grants:		
			Disability Assistance:		
Farm Animal Excise:			Administration	168.75	
Levy of 1958			Assistance	553.60	
Tax Titles and Possessions:			Aid to Dependent Children:		
Tax Titles	5,253.49		Administration	589.61	
Tax Possessions	649.53		Aid	1,369.47	
			Old Age Assistance:		
Departmental:			Administration	1,568.13	
Sidewalk Construction	112.38		Assistance	11,863.95	
Aid to Dependent Children	394.42				16,113.51
Old Age Assistance	124.81		School Lunch Fund		3,731.83
			Appropriation Balances:		
Aid to Highways:			Assessors' Maps	1,236.53	
State	31,422.48		Assessors' Valuation Program	1,240.47	
County	6,000.00		Civil Defense	83.98	
			Truck Purchase	4,500.00	
Underestimate 1958:			Chapter 90 Construction	3,271.46	
County Tax			Highways—Chapter 718	3,773.23	
Due from County:			Land—Highland Circuit	250.00	
Dog Officer Fees	36.00		Damages	200.00	
Wild Cat Bounty	40.00		Cemetery Lots Filing System	94.25	
					14,649.92
Overdrawn Account:			Sale of Real Estate Fund		1,260.00
Schell Bridge			Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund		2,071.12
			Road Machinery Fund		3,046.24

Overestimate 1958:		
State Recreation Areas Assessment	12.98	
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	8,138.36	
Overlays Reserved for Abate-ments:		
Levy of 1955	221.40	
Levy of 1956	643.81	
Levy of 1957	2,612.89	
Levy of 1958	1,679.52	
		5,157.62
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle and Trailer		
Excise	14,686.44	
Farm Animal Excise	59.51	
Tax Title and Possession	5,903.02	
Departmental	631.61	
Aid to Highway	37,422.48	
		58,703.06
Surplus Revenue		111,190.89
	<u>\$232,827.11</u>	<u>\$232,827.11</u>
DEBT ACCOUNTS		
Fire Station and Garage Loan	\$48,000.00	\$48,000.00
TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS		
In custody of Treasurer:		
Lottie Evans Charity Fund		\$994.54
George F. Morgan Charity Fund		3,000.00
	\$64,212.21	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		
Trust and Investment Funds:		
Cash and Securities:		
In custody of Treasurer		

In custody of Selectmen			
In custody of Trustees	2,323.00	Roselle Evans Charity Fund	500.00
In custody of Cemetery Commissioners	9,829.40	Surplus Revenue School Fund	1,600.00
	203.50	Belcher Center School Fund	1,250.00
		Belcher Library Fund	9,739.01
		Charles P. Dickinson Library	
		Book Fund	3,000.00
		Maude Montague Library	2,000.00
		James W. Cowles Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Belcher Center Cemetery Fund	2,000.00
		Calvin Stearns Cemetery Fund	500.00
		Mary H. Callender Cemetery Fund	500.00
		West Northfield Cemetery Fund	8,870.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	13,901.42
		Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	14,357.24
			64,212.21
		In custody of Selectmen:	
		Elisha Alexander Charity Fund	2,020.00
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	303.00
			2,323.00
		In custody of Trustees:	
		Martha Alexander Charity Fund	9,829.40
		In custody of Cemetery Commissioners:	
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	203.50
			\$76,568.11

Dickinson Library Report

Serving on the Board of Trustees of the Dickinson Memorial Library for the year 1959-60 were the following members: Mrs. Louise M. Reeves, chairman; Mrs. Jean P. Hatheway, Mrs. Lillian G. Wells, secretary; Mr. Luman A. Barber, Mr. William H. Hawley and Mr. Winthrop W. Sanderson.

At the Town Meeting on March 2, 1959, Mrs. Reeves and Mr. Sanderson were reelected to regular three-year terms. At the organization meeting of the Board, on March 4, 1959, Mrs. Reeves was elected chairman; Mrs. Wells secretary; Mr. Barber treasurer; and Mr. Hawley chairman of the Book Committee.

At the May 6th meeting, Mr. Sanderson, because of pressure of other responsibilities, submitted his resignation, which was accepted with regret. Mr. Donald Q. McColleston was elected by unanimous vote, at a joint meeting of the Selectmen and Library Trustees on May 25th, to fill the unexpired term, until 1960 Town Meeting.

On May 31, 1959 Mrs. Florence Phelps retired, after serving as Librarian faithfully and successfully since August 24, 1946. She was succeeded by Mrs. Evangeline C. Cook, who started her work as Librarian on April 1, 1959, with Mrs. Arline D. Randall as Assistant Librarian, and Mrs. Almira T. Campbell as Consultant.

Through regular meetings held in the Adult Reading Room of the Library on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m., the duties of administering the affairs of the Library have been carried on by the Trustees. On April 11th the Library was represented at the Library Seminar of the Town and County Conference in Greenfield by Mrs. Hatheway, Trustee, who reported that this library rates above the general standards for public libraries in Massachusetts, notably in its procedure for purchasing books. In most libraries in this area the Librarian has the sole responsibility but in our Library the Book Committee of the Trustees co-operates with the Librarian in a careful study and evaluation of all books selected for circulation.

The building and equipment have been kept in good condition. In order to accommodate the overflow of books, new shelves have been added in the stack room. A second magazine rack has recently been voted because of the increase in the circulation of magazine and the additional subscriptions necessary to meet the demand.

The excellent service already given by the new Librarian, Mrs.

Cook, and her assistant Mrs. Randall, has satisfactorily met the high standards which the Trustees try always to maintain for the Library and it is sincerely hoped that they will continue to serve the Town in this way for many years to come.

LOUISE M. REEVES, Chairman
LILLIAN G. WELLS, Secretary

Librarian's Report

Circulation of books and magazines:

Adult and juvenile	22,773
Inter-library loans	24
Bookmobile books	3625

Total 27,422

Books added by purchase and gift:

Adult	375
Juvenile	221

Total 596

Books withdrawn from circulation

Adult and juvenile	837
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Total number in circulation 15,039

Magazines added 7

Books on loan to other libraries 117

Books borrowed from State Bookmobile:

Dickinson Library 1358

Other parts of town 903

Total registrations 1138

Fines turned in to Town Treasurer \$165.14

National Library Week was observed April 12-18 with Family Night on April 15. Special exhibits by local organizations were on display. Mrs. Edwin Finch served as Chairman of the Committee.

In July, gift books unsuitable for circulation were sold at the library. \$10.00 realized from the sale, was used to purchase new magazines.

During the year many fine exhibits have been on display.

We deeply appreciate the interest in the library which has prompted the 139 gift books received in the past year.

The librarians wish to thank the Trustees for their help and encouragement throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

EVANGELINE C. COOK, Librarian

Fire Chief's Report

I hereby submit my report of the Northfield Fire Dept. for the year 1959.

The department received and answered a total of forty five calls. This is a few less than in past years. Due to the unusually rainy fall season we received fewer brush and forest fire calls.

Another Fire Fighting Course under the supervision of the Massachusetts Department of Education was conducted at our Fire Headquarters this year. Excellent results were enjoyed not only from the interest shown by our regular men but from a group of High School boys. Our department certainly feels that these boys are now well prepared and qualified to undertake nearly any phase of the duties of a Fireman, that is the protection of life and property and the suppression of fire.

One other subject I would like to bring to the attention of the townspeople at this time is the ever increasing need for a fire truck of the tanker design. A unit of this kind would be used to great advantage throughout our town both within and outside the hydrant district.

In closing, I want to thank everyone for their splendid cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

F. M. DUNNELL, JR., Fire Chief

Report of Forest Warden

There were 617 permits issued during the past year. A total of 32 brush and grass fires were extinguished. Most of these were small in nature, although some could have been quite serious. The largest fire danger was during the spring time, as the burning index remained high until the foliage was well started. As fall time came, rains came also, reducing the danger which is usually critical at that time of year.

Remember permits are required for all outdoor fires at all times.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD WILLIAMS, Forest Warden

Tree Warden Report

During 1959, 20 trees were removed from our streets and highways. Also 60 trees were trimmed, as well a number of trees were trimmed for road clearance. A large number of trees still need to be removed of dead and broken limbs, and also road clearance.

TREE NURSERY

Due to a wet spring, we were unable to prepare the School Street site, at the rear of the fire station, for the nursery until the latter part of the summer.

A sufficient space has been prepared and a supply of humour being accumulated.

A meeting was held with the Selectmen and it was decided to plant the trees on my property, so not to delay the tree program for another year. The trees will be transplanted to the School Street site this coming Spring.

A list of lining-out stock was purchased is as following:

20	Crimson King Maple	2-3	Feet
100	Norway Maple	3-4	"
100	Sugar Maple	2-3	"
20	Almey Flower Crab	2-3	"
100	Nyssa Sylvatica Sour Gum	2-3	"
100	Quercus, Pin Oak	2-3	"
50	Salix Lutea, Golden Weeping Willow	3-4	"
100	Golden Rain Trees Seedlings		

About 75 of these trees will be planted along our highways and streets this coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON, Tree Warden

Report of Moth Superintendent

During 1959, 197 diseased Elm Trees were removed and burned. These trees were located as follows:

28 East Northfield
63 Northfield
44 West Northfield
62 Northfield Farms

In 1959 300 gallons of 12% D. D. T. Emulsion were used as a

dormant spray in April and 450 gallons of 6% D. D. T. Emulsion were used to control the leaf-eating insects in May and June.

There were 95 samples that were taken and sent to Shade Tree Laboratories for culture. A total of 128 trees were found positive, that should be removed and burned before April 1, 1960. These trees are located as follows:

49 Northfield
37 West Northfield
18 East Northfield
24 Northfield Farms

Two days were spent scouting for Gypsy Moth and we found no infested areas.

There were 500 gallons of 10% D. D. T. Emulsion and 50 pounds of Milky Disease Spores were used to combat Japanese Beetles. Improvement has been noticed this past year in combating the Japanese Beetles.

There were 1050 gallons of 2-4-d-5T were used to control poison ivy along streets and highways and also where children play, such as baseball diamonds and swimming holes were treated.

Monthly reports were sent to the Department of Natural Resources. This Department furnished 150 gallons of 25% D. D. T. Emulsion and 150 gallons of D. D. T. Emulsion and other insecticides was purchased by the town.

I wish to thank everyone for their co-operation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH S. BILMON, Moth Superintendent

Report of Public Health Nurse

To the Selectmen and Citizens of Northfield:

I herewith submit a report of my work from January 1, 1959 to January 1, 1960.

Our second annual program of tuberculosis testing in the Elementary School was completed in May. All reports were negative.

The Well Child Conference, in June, was attended by thirty-three children with Dr. Walter Pacosa as pediatrician. Members of Fort-nightly volunteered their services as clerical assistants.

Assistance was given the Red Cross Blood Bank Mobile Unit on their visit, in November. Sixty six pints of blood were collected plus several pints O negative blood which was drawn at Franklin County Public Hospital for a needy patient. There were five rejections for medical reasons.

Summer camp facilities were expanded this year to include one child sent to Salvation Army Camp in Sharon, Mass., as well as the usual two at Greenfield Health Camp. One boy received assistance from the Kiwanis Club, toward his stay at Camp Chesterfield.

Seven children from Northfield attended Dental Clinic in Greenfield and received immunization at Pediatric Clinic.

Northfield School for Girls, Pioneer Valley Regional School, Kiwanis and the Salvation Army worked closely with the nurse in providing food and clothing for needy families throughout the year.

Classes in Civil Defense First Aid were finished in April but members voted to continue to meet monthly to review and discuss any new developments. Several "exercises" have been conducted to which the public was invited.

A summary of home visits made during the year follows:

Chronic	702
Acute	32
Health supervision	
Pre-natal	4
Post natal	10
Tuberculosis	10
Pre-School	40
Meetings attended	
University of Massachusetts	7
Springfield Hospital	1
Leeds School	1

In closing I would like to thank all officials, agencies and individuals who have so graciously given of their time and efforts in helping with my work.

Respectfully submitted,

(MRS.) MARION C. BILLINGS, R. N.

Board of Health Report

During 1959 the following cases were reported to the Board of Health:

- 9 Dog Bites
- 10 Chicken Pox
- 3 German Measles
- 4 Hepatitis
- 52 Mumps

Two premature babies were born.

Respectfully submitted,

CORYS M. HESELTON, Chairman
Board of Health

Civil Defense Director's Report

The Advanced First Aid Class has met regularly during the year. Under the direction of Mrs. Billings and Mrs. Goodwin they conducted two very successful field exercises, one in Northfield and the other in Hinsdale, N. H., as a demonstration for the New Hampshire C. D. Organization. Dr. True acted as Medical Officer, and we wish to express our appreciation of his fine cooperation which helped make the exercises successful and instructive. We would also like to thank Lt. Col. Arthur Shupe for his assistance throughout the year. We hope to start another Primary Class in 1960.

The entire staff participated in the State-wide test alert held April 17th and 18th. Northfield received considerable publicity through our successful use of Homing Pigeons in communications during this exercise.

Due to the curtailment of the State Organization in July which eliminated the Sector 4-D Headquarters in Greenfield, proposed Radiac and Auxiliary Police schools have been postponed and Radio communication practices have been temporarily discontinued. Funds requested for this work last year are being held available, and the writer is a member of a County Committee which hopes to make these courses available again soon.

Northfield's activity rating in C. D. made it possible for us to purchase cots and two field kitchens for emergency use as well as miscellaneous equipment needed by the Fire Department at a great saving.

Again I would like to thank all those who have volunteered their time and efforts to C. D. during a difficult year.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. FIELD,
Civil Defense Director

Cemetery Commissioners Report

Northfield's cemeteries have received their usual care during 1959. Necessary tree work has been done. Funds have been requested to repair several monuments which are in need of attention in the Center Cemetery. This together with proposed landscaping at the Northfield Farms Cemetery and preliminary work necessary to save the Collier Cemetery from oblivion, accounts for our increased budget request for 1960.

Cemetery expenditures for 1959 may be found in the Town Accountant's report. We wish to report the following receipts from the sale of lots during 1959.

<i>Name</i>	<i>Cemetery</i>	<i>Lot No.</i>	<i>Amount</i>
Mrs. B. W. Knapp	West Nfld.	93	\$25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Simpson			
E. Spencer	Center	28¾	15.00
Mr. Charles F. Slate	Nfld Farms	82¾	25.00
Mr. Murray M. Hammond	Nfld Farms	111-112	1.50
Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Dutton	Nfld Farms	108½ (perp. care)	35.00
Mrs. Grace M. Uppgard	Center	61-91 (transfer)	2.00
Mr. Fred G. Avery	West Nfld.	210	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Sidney P. Tyler	West Nfld.	190	25.00
Mrs. Minnie Lapan	Center	28½	15.00
Total			\$168.50

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE F. FIELD, Chairman
MURRAY M. HAMMOND
OWEN STACEY

Cemetery Commissioners

Planning Board

During the past year the Planning Board has worked on the tentative zoning by-laws for the Town.

Mr. Kirby, of the State Planning Board, visited with us in a joint meeting with the Selectmen. Many questions were asked and it proved to be a very informative meeting.

A map of the Town has been drawn up with the proposed zones.

We hope to present this map with the tentative by-laws to the Town in the near future.

Our aim is to let Northfield grow and still keep it beautiful.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, Chairman
MRS. AGNES HAMMOND
L. PERCY GOODSPEED
HARVEY E. HATHEWAY
A. GORDON MOODY

Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee was organized for the year with Wallace E. Stange as chairman and Harry A. Erickson secretary. The committee met with the various departments of the town to consider the budgets and made specific recommendations.

Transfers from the \$3,000 reserve fund were authorized as follows:

June 16	Tax Collector's Expense Account	\$69.67
Sept. 21	Tax Collector's Expense Account	3.04
Sept. 21	Treasurer's Expense Account	65.00
Sept. 21	Dutch Elm Account	500.00
Dec. 28	Clock and Fountain Account	2.50
Dec. 28	Street Supt's Expense Account	16.87
Dec. 28	Fire Department	516.82
Dec. 28	Fire Department	2.43
Dec. 30	Snow Removal	161.22

Total	\$1,337.55
Balance	\$1,662.45

FINANCE COMMITTEE EXPENSE ACCOUNT

March 30	Dues for Mass. Finance Association	\$15.00
June 16	Postage	1.00

Total	\$16.00
Balance	\$9.00

WALLACE E. STANGE, Chairman
HARRY A. ERICKSON, Secretary
HERBERT H. MAYNARD
DONALD SNOW
WILLIS PARKER
ALBERT STOMPE

Veterans' Agent Report

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen
Northfield, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

Submitted herewith is a report of the Central Franklin County District Veterans Service Center and the Veterans Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield for the year 1959.

1. Active Service Problems	65
2. Bonus	21
3. Compensation	179
4. Death Benefits	334
5. Discharges	114
6. Education	32
7. Employment	299
8. Finance	642
9. Housing	17
10. Insurance	75
11. Legal	176
12. Loans	36
13. Medical	774
14. Notarizations	85
15. Pension	402
16. Photostats	4662
17. Recordings	38
18. Selective Service	157
19. Social Security	84
20. Taxes	534
21. Veterans Benefits	6233
22. Vital Statistics	301
23. Unclassified	1085
Total Contacts	16345

The figures above represent contacts for all the former servicemen and women of any war in the district. Services to Northfield veterans were in proportion to those of other towns within the district.

The Veterans Benefits Department of the Town of Northfield rendered assistance to three families representing eight persons during the year 1959. One of these cases was of a temporary nature with the remaining two classified as permanent. This resulted in expenditures of \$2433.46 with an estimated reimbursement of \$1216.73 to be received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts under the provision of Chapter 115 as amended, Massachusetts General Laws.

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. GAMELIN
Veterans Agent, Northfield

Northfield Water Company

Statement of Operations For the Year Ended December 31, 1959

Water Sales	\$4,234.82	
Interest Income	80.94	
		\$4,315.76
Operating Costs:		
Operating expenses	1,758.32	
Town taxes	672.95	
State franchise tax	46.41	
Payroll taxes	137.49	
Federal income tax	357.44	
Depreciation	509.12	
		3,481.73
Income before Dividends		834.03
Dividends Paid		630.00
Balance to Surplus		\$204.03

Playground Committee Report

Northfield's 1959 summer playground program extended for five weeks, July 6 through August 7. Director for the second year was William R. Compton of Mount Hermon, assisted by Sally Sheldon in charge of craft work, and Donna Holbrook and Richard Repeta as general counselors. Serving as volunteer workers were Ruth Ann Holman, Jerry Scott, and Lyall Wasser. Designed for older children on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and for younger children on Tuesday and Thursday, the daily program ran from 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 Noon. A total of 121 children registered for the program, and the average daily attendance was 40 children for both the older and the younger groups.

The daily program consisted of individual and group games, arts and crafts, special projects, and special programs and contests as a climax for each week's activities.

The Committee feels that the program in its second summer continued to fill the need for organized part time summer recreation for Northfield children. The Committee recommends a similar appropriation of \$500.00 for 1959.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. HAWLEY, Chairman
ELIZABETH D. SCOTT, Secretary
DOROTHY M. HAMMOND

School Committee Report

ORGANIZATION FOR YEAR 1959

School Committee

Roy J. Fish, Chairman	Term expires 1960
Alvin H. Scott	Term expires 1962
Evelyn U. True, Secretary	Term expires 1961

Meetings of the School Committee

The regular meetings of the School Committee are held on the third Saturday of each month, except July and August, at 10:00 A.M. at the Center School.

Superintendent of Schools

F. Sumner Turner

Dartmouth A.B. — Harvard M.Ed.

Boston University — University of Massachusetts

Office, Pioneer Valley Regional School, Tel. 757

School Secretary

Madelyn J. Page

School Physician

F. Wilton Dean, M. D.

School Nurse

Marian C. Billings, R. N.

School Calendar (1960-1961)

Schools open January 4, 1960	Close February 19, 1960
Schools open February 29, 1960	Close April 14, 1960
Schools open April 25, 1960	Close June 17, 1960
Schools open September 7, 1960	Close December 23, 1960
Schools open January 3, 1961	Close February 17, 1961

Report of School Superintendent

To the School Committee and Citizens of Northfield:

I am pleased to present herewith my twelfth annual report dealing with the progress made in the public schools during the year 1959. This is the 223rd report on public education in the Town of Northfield.

Enrollments

At the present time, the elementary school consists of two rooms of each grade, and a Kindergarten that meets in the morning and in the afternoon, making a total of 14 sections or classes. The enrollment of the various grades as of December 23, 1959, was as follows:

Kindergarten	30
Grade One	47
Grade Two	45
Grade Three	56
Grade Four	62
Grade Five	48
Grade Six	49
Total	337

The enrollment of the various rooms was as follows:

Kindergarten (Smithers)	30
Grade One (Bolton)	24
Grade One (Thomas)	23
Grade Two (Haack)	22
Grade Two (North)	23
Grade Three (Stebbins)	29
Grade Three (Kaufhold)	27
Grade Four (Sheldon)	30
Grade Four (Miles)	32
Grade Five (Parker)	23
Grade Five (Barry)	25
Grade Six (Moran)	24
Grade Six (Morell)	25
Total	337

TEACHERS

Changes in Personnel

Withdrawals

Mrs. Dorothy T. Herrick	June 30, 1959
Mrs. Clarissa LaClaire	June 30, 1959
Miss Bessie Moore	June 30, 1959
Miss Dorothy Eccles	June 30, 1959
Miss Eleanor Smiley	June 30, 1959
Mrs. Loretta Peterson	June 30, 1959

Appointments

Mr. Harold N. Hedges, Jr., Williams College, State Teachers College, North Adams, Mass., B. S., Fairfield University Graduate School of Education, M.A., Sixth Year Program at Fairfield University, University of Bridgeport—Principal

Mrs. Allison K. Kaufhold, B.S., Michigan State College, Graduate Study, University of Massachusetts—Grade 3.

Mrs. Nathalie Turner, Boston Museum of Fine Arts School, Tufts University, B.F.A. — Art Supervisor.

Miss Phyllis Drew, Crane School of Music, New York University, Westminster Choir College — Music Supervisor.

Mrs. Lois Humphrey, Sargent College, B.S., — Girls Physical Education Instructor.

Mrs. Mildred Aldrich — Cafeteria.

Mrs. Dorothy T. Herrick retired after 30 years of very commendable service. Mrs. Herrick came to Northfield from Shelburne Falls in September of 1930. She has taken a very active and helpful part in the improvement of the schools in Northfield, from the little one-room buildings with multiple grades to the position of Supervising Principal of our consolidated elementary school. She was elected as Teaching Principal of the Center School in September of 1947, and as Supervising Principal in September of 1957. The school will greatly miss her competent leadership and timely counsel. Everyone wishes her many years of pleasant and satisfying activities.

REPAIRS

During the summer, the exterior of the Center School was repainted. Extensive overhauling of the oil burner and oil tanks at the Center School was undertaken. Remodeling of the cafeteria to improve its safety and efficiency was also undertaken. The policy of doing some repair and renovation each year has kept our buildings in good shape. The Committee hopes to continue this policy each year.

TEXTBOOKS

As the large class of 62 in Grade Four moves forward, it means the purchase of at least fourteen copies of each book used by the pupils of that class. This, in itself, represents quite an investment. This year, new textbooks in Science, the MacMillan Science Life Series, were added in all grades from One through Six. The addition of music textbooks was completed in all grades.

SCHOOL CAFETERIA

During the year, 42,395 student lunches, 1,345 adult lunches, and 19,473 additional bottles of milk were served. Our school cafeteria continues to be very popular with all the boys and girls. Well-planned and nutritious menus meet all the requirements of the Massachusetts School Lunch Program. Our cafeteria staff, Mrs. Minnie Huber, Mrs. Esther Clough, and Mrs. Mildred Aldrich deserve much credit for this continued success.

When the remodeling is completed, our cafeteria will be a very pleasant, efficient and safe place in which to have our lunches.

SUPERVISORS

The Art, Music and Girls' Physical Education classes under the direction of newly appointed supervisors, Mrs. Nathalie Turner, Miss Phyllis Drew and Mrs. Lois Humphrey, respectively, are doing excellent work. The Instrumental Music classes, under the direction of Mr. Eugene Gancarz, continue to grow and prosper. These subjects are a delight to the children, and add much to their school work.

FINANCES

For many years, State Aid and Net Cost of Education has been discussed by comparing those items for the last ten years. Since the opening of the Pioneer Valley Regional School, it was impossible to compare our present costs with those of former years, and this table has become outmoded. However, now that the Regional School has completed two fiscal years, we now find a basis for comparison. In this comparison, we will add the expenditures for the elementary schools in Northfield, and Northfield's share of the expenditures at the Regional School. Likewise, we will consider the reimbursements paid to the Town of Northfield, and the reimbursements (Northfield's share) paid to the Regional School. This gives a total expenditures of \$188,590.82, and total reimbursements of \$75,055.69, leaving a total of \$113,535.13 as the Net cost to the Town. Using the same figures for 1958, we find that the total cost was \$178,311.24, the reimbursements, \$63,572.89 and a Net cost of \$114,738.35. Dividing these figures by the number of pupils (538) we find that in 1958, the net cost per

pupil was \$213.27, and in 1959, \$211.03. As yet, figures for similar operations throughout the state are not available, and therefore, it is impossible to make such comparisons.

Using the cost per pupil in average membership of the elementary schools in grades one through six, as published by the State Department of Education for the year 1958-1959 (ending June 30, 1959), we find the following figures. All of the schools mentioned are part of a regional school system, and have the elementary grades in the local schools:

Bernardston	\$210.84
Conway	298.46
Deerfield	254.57
Erving	296.90
Leverett	314.73
Northfield	260.51
Orange	231.34
Pelham	289.35
Shutesbury	353.05
Sunderland	235.40
Warwick	354.88
Petersham	456.63
Whately	273.58

Of the thirteen towns compared, Northfield ranks fifth in the lowest cost.

The reimbursements for 1960 have been estimated as follows:

Chapter 70 as amended 1948	\$37,024.23
Transportation	12,500.00
Vocational Transportation	137.25
Vocational Tuition	219.00
Superintendent Salary	1,304.23
State Wards	500.00
	\$51,684.71

As we all know, all our social undertakings in this world has, is, and will undergo change. There is nothing permanent but change itself. Our educational processes in our schools are being constantly studied to find ways to improve our curriculum, methods and means to better serve the needs of our boys and girls. What was good enough years ago to serve the needs of those days is no longer adequate. During the past year a revision of the teaching of science was made. Under the guidance of Mr. Harold Hedges, Principal, we are under-

taking a detailed study of reading and hope to find possible improvements. As educators, we welcome any assistance and constructive suggestions that will assist us in solving the problem. Please feel free to visit your schools at any time and witness first hand the work that is being accomplished.

I wish to thank the School Committee, Principal, Teachers, School Personnel, Parents, Townspeople and Pupils for their continued cooperation and assistance. Working with and for fine folk in pleasant surroundings always brings forth the best efforts.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER

Superintendent of Schools

Report of School Organization

CENTER SCHOOL

Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Harold N. Hedges, Jr.	Principal	*Amherst College *Williams College North Adams Teachers College, B.S.E. Fairfield University, M.A. Boston University, B.A.
Madeline A. Smithers	Kindergarten	Hartford Seminary Foundation, M.A. Fitchburg Normal School *University Extension
Ruth W. Bolton	Grade 1	Keene Teachers College *University of Vermont *University Extension
Dorothea B. Thomas	Grade 1	*Springfield College Stevens Institute of Technology *Leslie College Extension
Virginia S. Haack	Grade 2	*Berlitz School of Language *Columbia University *University Extension *University of Maryland
Ruby North	Grade 2	*Greenfield Commercial School Bay Path Institute *Fitchburg Normal School

Ruth Stebbins	Grade 3	Lowell Teachers College, B.S.
Allison K. Kaufhold	Grade 3	Michigan State College, B.S. *University of Massachusetts
Catherine Sheldon	Grade 4	Fitchburg Normal School
Judith E. Miles	Grade 4	North Adams State Teachers College, B.S.E.
Evelyn H. Parker	Grade 5	North Adams State Teachers College, B.S. *Boston University
Name	Subject or Grade	Where Educated
Janet S. Barry	Grade 5	North Adams Normal School
Ernest Moran	Grade 6	Keene Teachers College, B.E.
Roger Morell	Grade 6	University of Massachusetts, B.A. *University of Massachusetts Graduate School
Marian C. Billings	Nurse	*American International College
Nathalie Turner	Art Supervisor	Franklin County Public Hospital, R.N. Boston Museum of Fine Arts School
Phyllis Drew	Music Supervisor	Tufts University, B.F.A. Crane School of Music
Eugene Gancarz	Instrumental Music	*New York University
William Messer	Physical Education	Boston University, B.M., M.M. Springfield College, B.S.
Lois A. Humphrey	Physical Education	*University of Vermont Sargent College, B.S.
*Attended without graduation		

SCHOOL CUSTODIANS

John Spindler	John D. Ware
Mrs. Minnie Huber	Mrs. Mildred Aldrich

SCHOOL LUNCH

Mrs. Esther Clough

SCHOOL COMMITTEE FINANCIAL REPORT

	Appro. 1959	Spent 1959	Recom- mended 1960
Superintendent's Salary	1,875.00	1,809.96	1,955.00
Out-of-State Travel	35.00	15.72	35.00
Administration Expense	180.00	180.00	180.00
Clerk	580.00	531.97	600.00
Salaries, Teachers	60,695.00	60,438.47	65,660.00
Supervisor, Music	950.00	1,096.53	1,140.00
Inst. Music			725.00
Supervisor, Art	685.00	701.51	830.00
Supervisor, Penmanship	500.00	270.00	500.00
Textbooks	1,500.00	1,524.53	1,500.00
Supplies, Student	1,200.00	952.73	1,200.00
Supplies, Janitor	750.00	1,315.27	1,000.00
Salaries, Janitor	5,100.00	5,486.94	5,925.00
Fuel	3,100.00	2,811.68	3,100.00
Water and Current	1,400.00	1,487.07	1,500.00
Repairs	500.00	966.84	500.00
New Equipment	500.00	179.82	500.00
Physician	350.00	350.00	350.00
Nurse	700.00	709.00	700.00
Tuition, Vocational	500.00	255.08	200.00
Transportation	14,000.00	13,596.68	14,300.00
Transportation, Vocational	400.00	327.00	200.00
Sundry Education	500.00	538.92	500.00
Special Project	1,000.00	1,442.61	1,000.00
Totals	\$97,000.00	\$96,988.33	\$104,000.00
Returned to Town Treasury —	\$11.67		

NET COST OF SCHOOLS IN 1959

Expenditures (Elementary School)	\$96,988.33
Expenditures Pioneer Valley Regional School (Northfield's Share)	91,602.49
Total Expenditures	\$188,590.82

State of Massachusetts Reimbursements paid
to the Town of Northfield:

Chapter 70 as amended 1948

Chapter 643	\$37,024.23
Vocational Tuition	479.92

Transportation	11,932.86	
Vocational Transportation	203.00	
State Wards	723.89	
Supt.'s Salary and Travel	1,306.73	
Interest, School Surplus Fund	73.08	
Total	51,743.71	
Reimbursements paid to Pioneer Valley		
Regional School (Northfield's Share)	23,311.98	
Total Reimbursements		75,055.69
Net Cost of Education 1959		\$113,535.13

STATE AID AND NET COST OF EDUCATION

Year	Total Costs	Reim- bursements	%	Net Cost Pupils	Net Cost Per Pupil
1958	\$178,311.24	\$63,572.89	35.6	\$114,738.35	538 \$213.27
1959	188,590.82	75,055.69	39.7	113,535.13	538 211.03

CENTER SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM FINANCIAL REPORT

January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

Net Worth (Cash, Inventory, Claims) Jan. 1, 1959		\$3,003.26
Cash Balance		1,763.00
Receipts:		
Student Lunches	8,285.40	
Adult Lunches	573.87	
Milk	484.69	
Government reimbursement	4,445.64	
Other	000.00	
Total Receipts		13,789.60
Total Cash		15,552.60
Disbursements:		
Food	8,418.91	
Labor	4,392.00	
Other	390.40	
Cash Balance		13,201.31
		2,351.29
Cash Balance	2,351.29	
Inventory	80.89	
U. S. D. A. Claims (Nov.)	483.81	
(Dec.)	482.50	
Net Worth December 31, 1959		\$3,398.49

REPORT ON SCHOOL CENSUS

(October 1, 1959)

	Boys	Girls	Total
Between ages 0 and 5	103	110	213
Between ages 5 and 7	34	48	82
Between ages 7 and 14	172	180	352
Between ages 14 and 16	35	41	76
Totals	344	379	723

Enrollment by Grades, October 1, 1959

Grade	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total
Boys	17	18	23	26	34	21	23	162
Girls	16	28	22	30	27	27	27	177
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	33	46	45	56	61	48	50	339

Resident Enrollment by Schools

	Boys	Girls	Total
Center School	162	177	339
Pioneer Valley Regional School	101	96	197
American School for Deaf	0	1	1
Bement School	4	4	8
Greenfield High School	0	1	1
Mount Hermon School	13	0	13
Northfield School for Girls	0	21	21
Goodwill Home	1	0	1
Hampden duBase Academy	1	0	1
Bob Jones University	1	0	1
Valley Forge Military Academy	1	0	1
So. Windsor, Connecticut	0	1	1
Roberts School	1	0	1
	—	—	—
Totals	285	301	586

Report of the Center School Principal

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of
Northfield:

I herewith submit my first annual report as principal of Northfield Elementary School.

With the opening of school in September the enrollment was three hundred forty pupils in fourteen classrooms, including two kindergarten sections.

During National Education Week, the staff presented to a large number of parents and friends of the school an informative program to explain and interpret the teachers' programs and curriculum. Many parents have accepted our open invitation to come to school observe classes and have conferences with teachers. I encourage visitation to the school so that parents and friends may be aware of the progress of their children and activities developed in the classrooms.

Two school activities that have been very successful were the Book Fair, which displayed children's literature books, and "Bundle Days" clothing collection for Save the Children Federation. The latter project collected nine hundred pounds of usable clothing, and was initiated and carried out by the pupils of Mr. Moran's Sixth Grade.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD N. HEDGES, Jr.

Principal

Report of the Music Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee
of Northfield:

May I submit a report of the Music Program.

Working with the administration and the classroom teacher in the music program, has been a stimulating experience. Since September, a oneness of purpose has begun to make real the slogan, "Music for every child."

In the elementary schools, it has meant satisfying participation in the singing of folk, religious, patriotic and art songs. Individual growth and skill in the reading of music show improvement.

Glee clubs have been organized in the elementary schools of Gill, Bernardston and Northfield.

New materials have been purchased for the Northfield sixth grades and for the first grades in all schools.

The pianos have been tuned throughout the system.

Material for appreciative listening is a hoped-for-goal to be attained in the near future.

In the Regional School, glee club memberships number ninety-two in the Junior High School and seventy-five in the Senior High School. These groups have been preparing Christmas music and are looking forward to Spring Concerts.

It is hoped that some adjustment may be made in the time allotment for music in this area. It is not easy to meet the needs of the pupil in one period per week.

We feel that music plays an important part in the emotional and social life of the adolescent. We must point the way for future growth, and realize the demands he will have to meet in his further academic career.

The interest and the cooperative attitude of the pupil here, have made work with him most rewarding.

Respectfully submitted,

PHYLLIS DREW

Music Supervisor

Report of the Art Supervisor

To the Superintendent of Schools and Northfield School Committee:

My objectives as the Union Art Supervisor are numerous. I try to encourage on all age levels, a familiarity with, and a pleasure in, creative art. This means offering to each student a basis for future appreciation of art, and an individual outlet for expression and relaxation.

The classes under my supervision range from kindergarten to Senior High School, and include such a broad diversification as lessons in coordination, color theory, basic drawing, sculpture, art history, and free expression. The program is designed to promote the feeling that everyone can enjoy being creative, and at the time learn to be graphic.

The class projects have ranged from colorful murals and window decorations to paper sculpture, soap sculpture and drawing lessons. Emphasis is placed on initiative, not uniformity. Frequently the art classes tie in with the season, or correlate with class studies.

I am pleased to report that the students are interested in their art program. Moreover it is a pleasure for me to work with them and their teachers. Such an excellent faculty assures the success of any supervisor.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHALIE TURNER

Art Supervisor

Report of School Nurse

To the Superintendent of Schools and School Committee of Northfield:

Dental care remains our most urgent need as far as the health of our school children is concerned. Despite the fact that six families, comprising seventeen children, were treated at clinic and a special program in dental hygiene was carried out in the school we still find many youngsters needing care.

Physical examinations in grades 2, 5 and all new students were completed in the fall by the school physician. Again dental needs proved to be the most prevalent defect.

Pre-school clinic was held in April where twenty youngsters who were eligible for kindergarten were examined by the school physician. The remainder were seen by their own family physician.

Two children were referred to the speech therapist and are showing marked improvement.

Tuberculin testing as sponsored by the Franklin County Public Health Association was carried out for the second consecutive year. All reactors were x-rayed and all found to be negative.

Massachusetts Vision tests were given to all pupils in grades 1-6 by the nurse. From 351 pupils tested nine failures were discovered, eight of whom were found to need glasses.

Hearing tests given to the same group revealed three children having difficulties. All have been corrected to date.

As usual, weighing and measuring of all pupils was done in the fall and spring.

There were many minor problems requiring the attention of the nurse but only one severe injury was noted.

An experiment in proper nutrition, using white mice, was a great attraction. All pupils were involved in the program either by supplying food or keeping the records.

I would like to thank members of Fortnightly and all school personnel who so willingly assisted me in my work.

Respectfully submitted,

MARIAN C. BILLINGS, R.N.

School Nurse

Reprt of School Physician

To the Superintendent of Schools and the School Committee of Northfield:

The basic purpose of having a physician in the school system is to keep its pupils in as fit a physical condition as possible, so that they may pursue their studies as efficiently as possible. This is done by preventing the spread of contagious disease, and by the early detection of beginning defects. Physical examinations are performed annually to achieve this end. The prospective first graders are examined in the spring and the others in the fall soon after school opens. I am happy to report that there has been a reduction in the number of defects found the past few years. It appears that we are progressing in our goal of keeping the children healthy.

The big defect needing attention is carious teeth, though this too has been less troublesome of late. It is probable that fluoridation of our water supplies would almost eliminate this problem, but the multiple sources of water in Northfield make this difficult at present.

Respectfully submitted,

F. WILTON DEAN, M.D.

School Physician

Report on Athletic Field

Appropriation			\$400.00
Expenditures:			
Labor:			
John D. Ware	142.10	142.10	
Supplies:			
Athletic Trainers			
Supply Co.	36.23		
J. L. Dunnell	2.20		
Melvin L. Miller	30.00		
Spencer Brothers	11.18		
		79.61	
Total Expenditures			221.71
Balance			\$178.29

Respectfully submitted,

NORTHFIELD SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Roy J. Fish, Chairman

Evelyn U. True, Secretary

Alvin H. Scott

Pioneer Valley Regional School District Report

School Committee

Wendell Streeter, Chairman	Bernardston
Albert H. Stoddard, Jr., Vice Chairman	Warwick
Mrs. Anna Wilcox	Bernardston
James A. O'Leary	Bernardston
William Hawley	Northfield
Roy J. Fish	Northfield
Robert P. Barnes	Northfield
Charles A. Morse	Warwick
Oscar Doane, Jr.	Warwick

To the Pioneer Valley Regional School Committee

and Citizens of Bernardston, Northfield and Warwick:

The Pioneer Valley Regional School is now in its third year of operation. Daily, we find that it is a most efficient, flexible and usable building. The maintenance figure is at a minimum. Its facilities are being used for an ever-increasing number of activities by the school pupils as well as adults and groups in our member towns. The listing of these activities and benefits derived would take more space than the annual town reports of the several towns can afford.

In the May, 1959 issue of the Architectural Record, Pioneer Valley Regional School was selected as one of seven school buildings in the entire nation exemplifying true economy, not the lowest in cost but buildings that gave the greatest value per dollar in performance and maintenance. This commendation was made by an independent study with headquarters in New York. The article featured Pioneer Valley Regional School with three pages and eight pictures, the maximum given to any school.

Changes in Personnel

WITHDRAWALS

Mr. Kenneth E. Cook, Jr.	August, 1959
Miss Dorothy Eccles	June, 1959
Miss Bessie Moore	July, 1959
Mr. Reinhold Rassmussen	June, 1959
Miss Eleanor Smiley	June, 1959
Mrs. Mary Sullivan	June, 1959

APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Winthrop Chenail
Miss Phyllis Drew
Mr. Horatio Dyer
Miss Fredericka Harris

Mrs. Lois Humphrey
Mr. Nicholas Kokkalis
Mr. Donald P. Oberacker
Mr. Richard Nerbonne

Mrs. Nathalie Turner

The educational backgrounds and assignment of these new teachers may be found in the listing of the faculty.

Our curriculum, school activities and school operation is constantly being studied for improvement and to find ways and means to better serve the educational needs of our boys and girls of our towns. With this constant study and the marvelous facilities available to us, our educational program should give to our pupils a start in life equal to that found anywhere.

I wish to thank the School Committee, Principal, Teachers and other school personnel and students for their splendid efforts and cooperation to make each year a finer year at Pioneer Valley Regional School.

Respectfully submitted,

F. SUMNER TURNER

Superintendent

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL EXCERPTS FROM THE REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL

"I herewith submit my third annual report as principal of the Pioneer Valley Regional School.

The third year of operation finds our building and our educational program running quite smoothly. From an administrative point of view, the two areas which seem to offer the most problems, at present and probably will always, are the activity period and the late buses.

The great variety of activities which are carried on during the activity period plus a certain number of assigned classes to these periods makes each day of the week a special problem. The late bus situation is never the same and requires special planning each day.

Aside from these and a few oversized and undersized classes, our program is routine and efficient. We offer our students a well-rounded, complete program by means of which they should prepare themselves quite adequately for their post-school plans.

Classroom and Subject Enrollment:

The enrollments by subjects in the high school classes as of December 1 are as follows:

English 9	21, 28, 25	74	General Science	26, 17	43
English 10	27, 27, 15	69	Biology	21, 26, 20	67
English 11	24, 23,	47	Chemistry		23
English 12	20, 27	47	Physics		16
Speech 11	21, 8, 19	48	Civics	35, 17, 20	72
Speech 12	12, 17, 17	46	World History	13, 29	42
Latin I		24	U. S. History	25, 22	47
Latin II		13	Problem of Democracy	26, 20	46
French I		30	Homemaking I		17
French II		15	Homemaking II & III		13
Algebra I	22, 15	37	Typing I	22, 20, 12, 19	73
Algebra II		20	Typing II		13
Geometry		27	Bookkeeping I		37
Solid & Trigonometry		7	Bookkeeping II		17
General Mathematics		24	Business Math		15
Refresher Math		14	Shorthand I		15
Agriculture I & II		14	Shorthand II		12
Agriculture III & IV		12	Office Practice		7
Industrial Arts II & IV		16	Art (High School)		12
Industrial Arts I & III		18	Driver Education	26, 22	48

Tests and the Testing Program:

During the past year, there has been a considerable step-up in our testing program. Every student in the school was given the California Test of Mental Maturity under the direction of the guidance department. We now have a recent I. Q. score for each student. Since one such score is not too reliable, it is suggested that a different test be given each year to all eighth and eleventh grade students.

Achievement tests were administered to all students in all subjects for which a reliable test was available. These tests show varying degrees of success as far as reaching national or sectional norms is concerned. Their true worth is in pointing out to teachers areas that need more emphasis and instruction.

In April all juniors took the Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test. The results prove very valuable to the guidance department as it points out those students who have high potential as college students. Two students, Lois Heselton and Tevlin Poneck, have been notified by the Merit Scholarship Qualifying Board that their names have been sent to many colleges as being students with especially high qualifying scores and should make fine college material.

In October, thirty-eight students took the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test. Again, these results prove of great value to the guidance department in advising students of their chances of success on College Entrance Examinations. The results were most gratifying in several instances.

Driver Education:

In its first year of operation, the driver education course under the direction of Mr. John Miles was quite successful. Thirty licensed drivers received their driver education certificates and nearly as many unlicensed drivers were successful in receiving their certificates and driver's licenses.

Our driver training car provided by the Jordan Motor Sales of East Northfield has been very busy. During the present school year forty-five students are voluntarily taking the course and are receiving classroom and on-the-road instruction.

This course is conducted primarily to produce better, safer drivers.

Commencement Week:

Carrying out the program arranged a year ago, the Baccalaureate Services and Graduation Program were conducted most successfully.

This year's message in the Baccalaureate Services was delivered by The Reverend James Whyte, minister at the Northfield Schools, whose topic was "Wondering." The Reverend Harold Tallman of the Northfield Baptist Church gave the Prayer of Invocation; The Reverend Everett Moore of the Advent Christian Church read the Lesson; and The Reverend Darwin Nutt of the Goodale Memorial Church pronounced the Benediction.

The graduation program was as follows:

Processional: "Pomp and Circumstance"	Class of 1959
Pledge of Allegiance	Audience
Invocation	The Rev. Henry McKeon
Songs:	Glee Club
"Send Forth Thy Spirit"—Schuetky	
"The Spacious Firmament on High"—F. J. Haydn (arr.)	
Welcome: Marianne Smith, President of Class of 1959	
Honor Essay: "A Protozoic View of Education"	Sally Jackson
Honor Essay: "Maturity"	Rebecca Jackson
Songs:	Glee Club
"This Is My Country"—Jacobs	
"Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor"—Berlin	

Address: "Don't Be Half-Safe"	Donald W. Cadigan, Associate Registrar, University of Massachusetts
Special Awards	Prin. George M. Leonard
Awarding of Diplomas	Supt. F. Sumner Turner
Class Song	Words by Lee Ann Corkins Rodney Chamberlin and Betty Ware
Benediction	The Rev. Richard Griffin
Recessional: "War March of the Priests"	Class of 1959

The class officers and class roll were as follows:

President—Marianne Smith	Treasurer—Curtis Shine
Vice-President—Chester Kugler	Secretary—Margaret Streeter
John David Barnes	*Chester Anthony Kugler
Wendell Lawrence Barton	*Richard Kenneth Leach
*Rachel Fay Browning	Dorothy Elizabeth Mann
Rodney Alfred Chamberlin	Jack Gordon Mann
Gloria Jean Clough	Hazel Joy Marcy
Martha Rae Ellen Cobb	Carol Marie Merrifield
*Lee Ann Corkins	Marilyn Gail Porter
Arland George Day, Jr.	*Sally Elinor Sheldon
*Norman Clarence Deane	*Curtis Traver Shine
Edward Everett Doolittle	Michael Charles Sloan
Fredd Monroe Fuller	*Marianne Frances Smith
*Dorothy Jean Given	Shirley Louise Smith
Betsey Ann Glazier	*Francis Constanty Sobieski, Jr.
Susan Elza Hammond	*Lewis Howard Starkey, Jr.
†Rebecca Gray Jackson	†Margaret Lucille Streeter
*Barbara Marie Johnson	Carol Ethelyn Turner
*Albert Lee Kemp	Betty Ann Ware
†with highest honor	*with high honor

Of the thirty-four students who graduated in the Class of 1959, twenty-two are continuing their education as follows: three are at the University of Massachusetts, one is at Pratt Institute, and one at Lowell Technological Institute, six are at Northampton Commercial College, two at Fisher Junior College, one at Becker Junior College, three are at Bible Colleges, one at Stockbridge School of Agriculture, two are training to become nurses; one at Newton-Wellesley Hospital School of Nursing and the other at Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, Tennessee, one is training to become a mortician, and one is taking a post graduate course at our school. In addition, three boys have entered our armed forces, one is married, and eight are working.

Prizes and Awards:

The following prizes, awards and honors were given during the course of the year:

D.A.R. Good Citizen	Dorothy Given
Bausch & Lomb Science Award	Lewis Starkey
Good Government Day Representative	David Barnes
Alternate	Richard Leach
Boys' State Representatives	Rodney Pillard, Thomas Shearer
Girls' State Representatives	Jessie Skinner, Linda Streeter
American Society of Tool Engineers	Chester Kugler
Issac B. Snow Awards (Two highest ranking students from Bernardston)	Rebecca Jackson, Marianne Smith
Emily C. Jenness Awards:	
English— Rebecca Jackson	Character—Martha Cobb
Bernardston P.T.A. Scholarship (\$100.)	Rebecca Jackson
Pioneer Valley Union Teachers' Association Scholarship (\$175.)	Lee Kemp
Student Council Highest Scholastic Award	Margaret Streeter
Student Council Second-highest Scholastic Award	Rebecca Jackson

Problems:

The present school year marks the beginning of library services in our school. We are fortunate in having Miss Frederick Harris devote part of her time to the organization of library materials and to direct the purchase of library books. Indeed, our library is beginning to function as such.

However, until such time as we are large enough to support a full-time librarian, our library cannot be efficiently operated. During the time when Miss Harris is not in the library, the library ceases to operate as such and good library procedures are not practiced by the students.

An attempt is now being made to staff the library during the complete day with students and teachers in an effort to keep correct study and library habits.

Today, leaders in the educational field recommend one full-time guidance worker for each three hundred students. Thus, according to these standards, we should have at least one full-time guidance

person and a part-time one.

Mr. Upham devotes about two-thirds of his time to guidance during the present school year. Some thought should be given to the expansion of the guidance program to give more complete and adequate services to all students.

Many of the high schools in our area have undergone an evaluation process by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. This organization is the only scholastic rating body in New England.

An evaluation program takes about one full year of preparation on the part of the faculty and administration. It also requires an expenditure of funds to pay the expenses of the evaluating committee. The actual evaluation process by the evaluating committee takes about three days.

Plans should be laid now for an evaluation of our school by late fall of 1960 or early in 1961.

In Conclusion:

May I take this opportunity to express my deep appreciation to the school committee, superintendent, all school personnel, parents, students, and citizens of our district for their continued support of our program aimed at a well-rounded education for everyone."

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE M. LEONARD

Principal

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL FACULTY

Name	Subjects	Where Educated
Mr. George M. Leonard	Principal	Bridgewater Teachers College, B.S. Boston University, M.Ed.
Mr. Robert C. Upham	Assistant Principal Guidance U. S. History	Plymouth Teachers College, B.Ed. Columbia Teachers College, M.A. *Keene Teachers College *Syracuse University Smith College, A.B., A.M.
Miss Evelyn G. Lawley	Assistant Principal Algebra Geometry Trigonometry English French English	University of Massachusetts, B.S.
Mrs. Edith Aldrich		Tufts University, A.B. *College of the City of New York *University of Massachusetts
Mr. Conrad S. Bayley		Keene Teachers College, B.Ed. Boston University, M.Ed. *University of Connecticut Springfield College, B.S.
Mr. John Callahan	Chemistry General Science	
Mr. Winthrop Chenail	Problems of Democracy Civics Social Studies Physics Mathematics Band Mathematics	University of Massachusetts, B.S. Boston University, B.M., M.M.
Mr. H. Nelson Dyer		
Mr. Eugene Gancarz		

Mr. Beryle Hammond	Homemaking	University of New Hampshire, B.S.
Miss Fredericka Harris	Librarian	*University of Massachusetts
Mrs. Lois Humphrey	Social Studies	Pembroke College, B.A.
Mr. Nicholas Kokkalis	Physical Education	*University of Massachusetts
Mr. William Messer	Health	Sargent College, B.S.
Mr. John R. Miles	Shop	American International College, B.A.
Mr. Richard Nerbonne	Mathematics	Springfield College, B.S.
Mr. Donald Oberacker	Physical Education	*University of Vermont
	Health	North Adams State Teachers College, B.S., Ed.
	English	*University of Massachusetts
	General Language	Bryant College, B.S., B.A.
	Driver Education	Boston College School of Education, B.S. Ed.
	Typing	Utah State College, B.S.
	Office Practice	University of Maryland, M.S.
	Biology	*Virginia Polytechnic Institute
	Science	*Rhode Island School of Education
		*American International College
		University of Massachusetts, B.S.
		University of Massachusetts, B.A.
Mr. Brian L. Overdorff	Agriculture	Gorham State Teachers College, B.S.
Mr. John Trumbull	Social Studies	Bates College, A.B.
Mr. Linwood R. Wallace	World History	Boston University, M.A.
Mrs. Thelma K. Yeager	Industrial Arts	University of Massachusetts Summer School
	English	
	Latin	
	Speech	

Mrs. Janet L. Young	English	*University of Illinois Indiana University, A.B.
Mrs. Ruth M. Young	Shorthand Bookkeeping Business Math Subjects Music Supervisor	*University of Massachusetts American International College, B.S., M.A. *University of Massachusetts Extension
Miss Phyllis Drew	Name Art Supervisor	Where Educated Crane School of Music *New York University Boston Museum of Fine Arts School Tufts University, B.F.A.
Mrs. Nathalie Turner		

School Nurse
Mrs. Dorothy Streeter, R.N.

Custodians
Mr. Edward Fortier, Head
Mr. Ning Der

*Attended without graduation

School Doctor
Dr. Ansel B. True

Cafeteria Workers
Mrs. Agnes Wickey, Head
Mrs. Nellie Barber
Mrs. Olive Stone

PIONEER VALLEY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Report of the Treasurer

January 1, 1959 to December 31, 1959

Balance on hand December 31, 1958 \$175,269.50

RECEIPTS

Received from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Reimbursement and aid on construction of school	43,785.66
Reimbursement for transportation of pupils	28,285.95
Tuition and transportation of state wards	1,259.51

To apply on reimbursement of 50% of cost of maintaining Vocational Agriculture course 582.87

Distribution of U. S. Grant of George Barden Funds:

Salary and travel of Agricultural Instructor	4,600.00
Salaries of Evening Practical Arts Instructors	500.00

Interest on deposits in savings banks 2,230.81

Assessments received from towns as follows:

Bernardston	66,516.62
Northfield	114,553.04
Warwick	26,124.78
	207,194.44

School lunch collections and allotments from the

Commonwealth of Massachusetts 17,069.48

Athletic Fund receipts 928.30

Tuitions received as follows:

Town of Leyden	7,672.95
Town of Greenfield	200.00
Town of Guilford, Vt.	299.94
	8,172.89

The Wirthmore Stores, Inc.—rebate of 1958 charges 4.25

Massachusetts income tax withheld from

October, November and December salaries for deposit Jan. 1960 389.69

Miscellaneous receipts as follows:

Insurance claim for lightning damage	21.36
Use of building	189.01

Evening registrations and tuitions	327.00	
Collections for breakage and sale of materials	276.28	
Employer's compensation for collecting Massachusetts state income tax	16.03	
		829.68
Total receipts		315,833.53
		\$491,103.03

DISBURSEMENTS

Salary and travel expenses of Vocational Agriculture teacher		\$4,406.99
Cafeteria salaries and supplies		17,605.54
School Athletic Fund, transportation		969.16
Salaries of Evening Practical Arts Instructors		835.00

Operating Budget:

General Control	7,433.63	
Expenses of Instruction	94,529.76	
Student Supplies	5,146.62	
Textbooks	1,857.08	
Operation of School Plant	23,967.64	
Maintenance of School Plant	954.60	
Auxiliary Agencies	6,182.07	
Transportation	27,718.26	
Franklin County Retirement System assessment	787.12	
		168,576.78

School Construction Account:

Construction	4,265.47	
Equipment	4,463.27	
		8,728.74

Interest on Pioneer Valley Regional School District bonds as follows:

due May 1, 1959 on \$75,000	825.00	
due Nov. 1, 1959 on \$70,000	770.00	
due Jan. 1, 1959 on \$1,210,000	16,637.50	
due July 1, 1959 on \$1,210,000	16,637.50	
		34,870.00

Redemption of \$5,000. Pioneer Valley Regional School District 2.20% School bonds dated May 1, 1955 and due May 1, 1959	5,000.00
Redemption of \$70,000. Pioneer Valley Regional School District 2.75% School bonds dated July 1, 1956 and due July 1, 1959	70,000.00
Total Disbursements	<u>\$310,992.21</u>
Balance on hand as follows:	
Cash in checking account	\$108,524.29
Reserve for maturing debt (savings deposits)	<u>71,586.53</u>
	<u>180,110.82</u>
	\$491,103.03

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD A. KING

Treasurer

Northfield Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

FRANKLIN, SS.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Northfield in the County of Franklin,

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town, qualified to vote in elections and in town affairs, to meet at the

TOWN HALL

in said Northfield on Monday the seventh day of March next, at ten o'clock in the forenoon then and there to bring in their votes by ballot for the following officers for the coming year:

Town Clerk for one year, Town Treasurer for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, Town Moderator for one year, one School Committee Member for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, two Library Trustees for three years, Tree Warden for one year, three Constables for one year, one Constable for one year, a resident of Northfield Farms, one member of the Planning Board for five years, one member of the Pioneer Valley Regional School District Committee for three years.

The Polls will open at ten A. M. and close at eight P. M.

And you are directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Northfield, qualified to vote in Town Affairs, to meet in the Town Hall in said Town on Tuesday, March 8, 1960, at seven o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To hear the Reports of the several Town Officers, and act thereon.

Article 2. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1960, and to issue a note or notes thereof, payable within one year, and to renew such notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws: any debt or debts incurred under this vote to be paid from the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1960.

Article 3. To see if the Town will empower the Selectmen to defend the Town in any suit brought against the Town, or act thereon.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided by Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Selectmen and Welfare Boards:			Moderator	\$25
Chairman	\$375	\$75	Treasurer	1,000
Other members	325	75	Tax Collector	1,000
Assessors			Town Clerk	550
Each member	300		P.V.R.S. Committee	
School Committee			Each member	100
Each member	100			

Article 5. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be necessary for salaries and other Town charges, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Moderator Salary	\$25.00	Town Hall Maintenance	5,000.00
Expense	15.00	Constable Pay, Exp.	
Selectmen & Welfare Bd.	1,250.00	& Equip.	750.00
Salary	1,250.00	Fire Dept. Salaries	500.00
Expense	400.00	Fire Dept. Operating	
Town Accountant Salary	1,000.00	Acct.	2,550.00
Expense	85.00	Water Holes	400.00
Legal Expense	250.00	Public Safety	50.00

Treasurer Salary	1,000.00	Wire Inspector	50.00
Expense	450.00	Sealer of W. & M. Salary	
Assessors Salary	900.00	& Expense	200.00
Expense	300.00	Tree Warden Acct.	800.00
Tax Collector Salary	1,000.00	Dog Officer & Exp.	175.00
Expense	600.00	Public Health	1,300.00
Finance Committee Expense	25.00	Nurse & Substitute	3,000.00
Town Clerk Salary	550.00	Expense	75.00
Expense	100.00	Car Expense	300.00
Elections & Registrations	2,000.00	Inspection of Animals	200.00
Planning Board Expense	50.00	Insp. Meat & Slaughter	50.00
Mach. Maint. Acct.		P.V.R.S.D. Capital	
(Transfer from Road		Budget	29,455.47
Mach. Fund)	7,000.00	Alexander Hall	250.00
Hwy. Supt. Expense	125.00	P.V.R.S.D. Oper.	
Tools for Hwy. Work	100.00	Budget	81,037.49
Snow Removal	9,000.00	Fire & Casualty Ins.	5,600.00
Hwy. Bounds, Surveys		Interest	300.00
& Plans	250.00	Damages	300.00
Pub. Welfare Adm.	3,000.00	Town Clock & Fountain	125.00
General Relief	4,000.00	Town Reports	900.00
Old Age Assistance	3,700.00	Foreclosure Cost Tax Titles	25.00
Aid to Dep. Children	4,000.00	Prot. Tax Title Property	25.00
Disability Assistance	2,500.00	Memorial Day Celebration	275.00
Soldier's Relief	2,500.00	Fence Viewers	25.00
School Committee Salary	300.00	Field Drivers	25.00
P.V.R.S. Committee Salary	300.00	Fire Station Bonds	
Elementary Schools	104,000.00	Maturing Debt	3,000.00
		Interest	1,044.00

Article 6. To see if the Town will authorize the Assessors to appoint one of their members as clerk of the Board, and that the salary be \$700.00 in accordance with the provisions of Section 4a, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, and raise and appropriate money for the same.

The Finance Committee recommends \$700.00

Article 7. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Fire Department to use to purchase hose and other miscellaneous equipment, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,070.00

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Fire Department to use to purchase a three-way Deluge Set, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend

Article 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, the sum of \$18,000.00 for the Fire Department to use for the purpose of purchasing a Fire Truck, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of the Fire Station and Town Garage, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1900.00.

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used to combat Dutch Elm Disease, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$2200.00.

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for insect pest control, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,000.00

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to be expended under the direction of the Tree Warden to maintain the Tree Nursery and purchase more stock to provide replacements for shade trees lost by disease and other causes, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400.00

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of office of the Tree Warden from one year to three years, or act thereon.

Article 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for Civil Defense Purposes, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen and the Civil Defense Committee, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$50.00

Article 16. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to enter into contract with the Board of Public Works, Division of Highways, for repair and improvement of roads and highways, exclusive of state highways, and raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$4,950.00 and to transfer \$18,150.00 from unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Article 17. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, and from Chapter 718 funds, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$3,522.20 from Chapter 718 funds and raise and appropriate \$1,477.80 for the Town's share and transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of \$15,000.00 for the State and County's share.

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 maintenance, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to raise and appropriate \$1,500.00 and transfer from available funds in the treasury the sum of \$3,000.00.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for bridges, railings and highway work, or take any vote or votes relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$4,000.00.

Article 20. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair of existing sidewalks, and for new construction from the end of the 1959 construction to Maple Street, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$1,500.00

Article 21. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,586.00 for lighting the streets, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$6,586.00

Article 22. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$150.00 for the use of the Field Library at Northfield Farms, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$150.00

Article 23. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,377.00 for the operation of the Dickinson Memorial Library, this sum to include the fines collected and the Dog Tax, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$6,377.00

Article 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care of the playground and athletic field, this sum to be expended under the supervision of the School Committee, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400.00

Article 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$500.00 to finance a summer playground program for the children of Northfield and authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of three to make provision for the same, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$500.00

Article 26. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be used to purchase fish to be liberated in the streams of Northfield, under the supervision, of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$200.00

Article 27. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to sell, transfer or otherwise convey all right title and interest of the Town in the Number 3 School House, or take any vote or votes relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairs to the Northfield Museum and other discontinued school buildings, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$275.00

Article 29. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the care and preservation of cemeteries, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$2,600.00

Article 30. To see if the Town will authorize the purchase of the Northfield Water Company and raise by taxation and appropriate or transfer from available funds in the treasury, or borrow any sum or sums of money, for the payment thereof, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends further study.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to establish a Board of Water Commissioners to operate the Northfield Water System, and raise and appropriate by taxation, a sum or sums of money for the operation, maintenance, and incidental expense of said water system or act anything thereon.

Article 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for hydrant service for 16 hydrants to be paid to the Northfield Water Company, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$400.00

Article 33. To see if the Town will accept Chapter 41, Section 97 of the General Laws, or act thereon.

Article 34. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to trade the Clerk of Assessors Adding Machine, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$495.00

Article 35. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to recondition the drain thru the Ditch Lot, so-called, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, take by eminent domain or otherwise acquire for municipal purposes the various parcels of land described in the following deeds in the Franklin County Registry of Deeds 6½ acres more or less described in Book 828, Page 54; ½ acre more or less described in Book 828,

Page 54; 68 rods more or less known as the Cooper Cave Lot together with all the water rights and all other rights whatsoever and subject to all the restrictions mentioned in deed from Michael Pigott dated August 3, 1886, as described in Book 696, Page 222; and 3 acres more or less known as the Proctor Lot in Great Meadow described in Book 631, Page 173, and appropriate any sum or sums of money or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to acquire by eminent domain, purchase, or otherwise acquire in fee, certain tracts of land for the purpose of accepting a Town Way, Pentecost Road, so-called, according to plan and grade filed with the Town Clerk and laid out by the Selectmen February 1, 1960, and appropriate any sum or sums of money or take any action thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends \$25.00

Article 38. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,500.00 to be used under the direction of the Selectmen and the Highway Supt. for constructing a Salt Bin for the storage of bulk salt for highway use, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee does not recommend

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to acquire by purchase, or take by eminent domain, or otherwise, for highway purposes, land or parcels of land contained and being shown on a plan entitled "Proposed Layout, Highland Circuit, Town of Northfield" as laid out by F. Deane Avery Associates, Greenfield, dated December 20, 1955, excepting from this taking land already owned by the Town of Northfield, and raise and appropriate, transfer from available funds, or otherwise provide money therefor, or pass any vote or votes relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends \$25.00

Article 40. To hear a Report of Progress on the vote to move the Belcher Memorial Fountain and take any vote or votes relative thereto.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or transfer from Overlay Reserve, a sum of money for a Reserve Fund for the current year, or take any vote or votes relative thereto.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$3,000.00

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to be used by the Assessors in determining the 1960 Tax Rate, or act thereon.

The Finance Committee recommends to transfer \$10,000.00

And you are directed to serve this Warrant by posting up attested copies thereof at the Post Offices at Northfield, East Northfield, West Northfield, and at the Tenney Farms Filling Station at Northfield Farms in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this first day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and sixty.

ROBERT P. BARNES

CORYS M. HESELTON

STANLEY WICKEY

Selectmen of Northfield

A true copy. Attest:

FACTS ABOUT NORTHFIELD

Incorporated.....	1723
Population.....	2,239 (1955)
Form of Government	Town Meeting
Tax Rate, 1958.....	\$86.00
Number of Dwellings.....	747 (1959)
Real Estate Valuation.....	\$2,353,895
Personal Property.....	\$230,300
Public Schools.....	Elementary School Pioneer Valley Regional School
Private Schools.....	The Northfield School for Girls
Fire Protection.....	Three Fire Engines—Phone 521
Town Highways.....	67 Miles
Public Libraries.....	Dickinson Memorial Field Library at Northfield Farms
Altitude.....	309 ft. (at Town Hall)
Rail Roads.....	Boston & Maine Central Vermont
Water Supply.....	East Northfield Water Co. Northfield Water Co. Dry Swamp Aqueduct Co.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

EIGHTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

FRANKLIN-HAMPSHIRE SENATORIAL DISTRICT

UNITED STATES SENATORS

Leverett Saltonstall

John B. Kennedy

REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Silvio O. Conte

GOVERNOR
Foster Furcolo

COUNCILLOR
Ray Sullivan

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR
Robert Murphy

STATE SENATOR
Ralph Mahar

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT
Philip F. Whitmore

FRANKLIN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
Harry Koch, Chairman

Frank Reed

Delbert A. Witty

